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Engineering union makes Ford stoppage official

ıe strike by 57,000 Ford workers ıs declared official yesterday by ₂ Amalgamated Union of ıgineering Workers. The union's)00 members will receive strike y of £9 a week. Shop stewards ₃m Ford, Dagenham, delivered etter to 10 Downing Street warning the Prime Minister that the 5 per cent pay guideline was costing the Government traditional Labour support at the plant. Unions representing 26,000 manual workers at Vauxhall Motors are claiming rises "substantially" above 5 per cent.

Labour warned of lost support

Donald Macintyre
our Reporter

he strike by 57,000 Ford kers against the company's erence to the Government's er cent guide line gathered nentum yesterday when the algamated Union of Engin- ng Workers made it official. he decision by the union's utive council, which is inated by moderates, means about 8,000 AUEW Ford nbers will receive strike pay 9 a week. The total cost he union is expected to be it £75,000 a week.

he executive, which acted r hearing a report on the ute from Mr Reginald h, its south-east region re- entative, also called for an nt resumption of negotia- s, but last night there ıed little early prospect of

r John Boyd, the AUEW ral secretary, was greeted a brief burst of applause about twenty Dagenham stewards waiting in the way of the union's head- ters in Peckham, South lon, when he told them of unanimous decision.

ıe few remaining manual loyees still at work yester- morning joined the strike ıg the day. By last night at the Basildon radiator t, 1,000 at the research and ineering plant at Dunton, x, and 220 at Treforest, h Wales, had all come out. ckers support appeared to gthen with indications that pool port shop stewards will vote in favour of cking" imports and ex- of Ford vehicles.

ckers' representatives at ich, one of the east coast through which Granada Capri models are imported also indicated their sup- to the Ford stewards.

Ronald Keating, assistant ral secretary of the 00-member National n of Public Employees, h is the leading union in first big public sector pay , those on behalf of local oriry manual workers, said the Ford strikers were alone".

said at a low-pay rally in field: "The 5 per cent pay y is just not on. It is not it Ford and it is not on in the public sector for low-paid workers."



Sir Terence Beckett: Pay rise of 80 per cent.

Shop stewards from Dagenham who yesterday took a letter to Downing Street warning the Prime Minister that the pay limit was fast losing the Government traditional Labour support at the plant, were quick to exploit a revival of reports about the salary increase last year for Sir Terence Beckett, chairman of Ford UK.

The rise, which was announced by the company at the time of its annual report in April, was one of 80 per cent, from £30,457 to £54,843. It was, as the company was at pains to point out, a "performance-linked" bonus, and the company's performance had not triggered any such rise until last year.

The company said that Sir Terence's performance-related contract meant that in one year he had taken a drop in salary of £7,000.

It was "quite possible" that he would take a salary cut this year if the pay dispute reversed the company's production record.

Mr Daniel Connor, union convener at the Dagenham body plant, said yesterday: "If the governor can have a rise because of the improved productivity of the firm, then so can we. We have contributed to that performance as well."

The shop stewards' letter to the Prime Minister said that Ford employees worked longer hours and did more shift work than in other car plants, were consistently subjected to work study and evaluation and now experienced a "deep sense of betrayal".

Sanctions against the company, it said, would be a "potentially disastrous move". It added: "What has been made abundantly clear to us during our discussion with the Dagenham work force is not only the irreparable damage to the Labour Party, but a growing hostility to the continuation of a Labour government.

"Proposals that we should work for the return of Labour MPs are now being openly derided."

The AUEW executive resolution said after the declaration that the strike had been made official: "The executive deplores the failure of the company to make clear the extent of any basis for settlement and calls for immediate and meaningful talks through the negotiating channels."

The company, which did not give any details of its proposals for productivity bargaining at last Thursday's meeting, was to have done so on Friday, but that meeting has been called off.

Mr Ronald Todd, chairman of the negotiators, has maintained since then that they would meet the company only when it moved away from insisting on a basic rate rise within the guidelines.

A formal declaration by the Transport and General Workers' Union leadership that the strike will be declared official is assured, though possibly not until a meeting of the union's finance and general purposes committee early next month. The TGWU has 42,000 members at Ford.

The company, which expects to lose £10m a day because of the strike, apparently has no plan at present to issue its proposals for productivity increases.

The union negotiators are due to meet again on Friday.

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'Modest' twelve-point programme to cut trade deficit by stimulating exports

Mr Carter unveils new measures in attempt to boost dollar

From Frank Vogl
US Economics Correspondent
Washington, Sept 26

President Carter today announced a 12-point "national export programme" which he said would give a much higher priority to exports in America's economic policies. This action was essential to reduce the United States balance of payments deficit and strengthen the dollar, he said.

But the programme is, in fact, fairly modest and it was being stressed that additional measures to strengthen exports would be announced later.

Further action to aid the dollar, most notably new measures to curb inflation, will be announced by the White House soon, Mr Michael Blumenthal, the United States Secretary of the Treasury, said. His comment came just as the Department of Labour announced a modest rise to 0.6 per cent from 0.5 per cent in the consumer price index in August.

Mr Blumenthal predicted that new energy legislation will lead to a substantial cut in United States oil imports next year. He told the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund that passage of the Natural Gas Bill would alone reduce oil import costs by $2,000m in 1979.

President Carter said he was confident the Senate would approve the Bill tomorrow.

Mr Frank Veil, assistant Secretary of Commerce, said that it was unlikely that the measures announced would have a significant effect on United States trade for about two years at least, but both he and the President stressed that the measures represented a new start, giving high priority to export promotion and recognizing, perhaps for the first time by a United States Administration, that foreign trade was absolutely vital to the health of the American economy.

The President announced a $500m increase in next year's allocation of funds for the United States Export-Import Bank. This will increase the bank's funds to $4,100m a year and enable it to provide more interest rate subsidies to manufacturers.

The President also announced a $100m increase in funds for the United States Small Business Administration to promote exports and a rise of $20m to $80m in the export promotional programmes of the Departments of Commerce and State.

The new programme involves a series of measures to strengthen interest in exporting by United States manufacturers and streamline governmental regulation to increase business participation in foreign trade.

One such measure, for example, is the implementation of swifter procedures for reviewing possible anti-trust law violations in international commerce by the Department of Justice. Also, there will be a streamlining of regulations directly concerned with foreign trade in such areas as environmental standards and corporate bribery.

Mr Blumenthal said that the economic measures being taken here and overseas should bring a 30 to 40 per cent reduction in the American current account balance of payments deficit next year from $18,000m to $19,000m level of the current year.

He said he expected a considerable moderation in the inflation rate in the second half of this year, and this is reflected in the data for July and August. But he stressed that "it is clear that these levels are still too high and that further action must be taken".

The Department of Labour reported that consumer price

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Fewer out of work with more jobs for teenagers

By Melvyn Westlake

Unemployment in Britain has resumed its underlying downward path after the unexplained summer upturn. At the same time, a record number of school leavers found jobs last month, and the demand for adult labour reached its highest level for nearly four years, after allowances for seasonal distortions.

The confirmation of a broad improvement in the jobs market, ahead of the normally difficult winter months, must come as a relief to the Government, when its unemployment record is under heavy fire from both the Opposition and the trade union movement.

According to figures published yesterday by the Department of Employment, there was a fall of 14,200 in the number of unemployed adults in Britain (seasonally adjusted) in the five weeks to September 14. On this basis, the jobless total now stands at 1,316,700, or 5.6 per cent of the labour force.

In addition, the number of unemployed school leavers dropped by 80,100 to 130,800. As a result, there are fewer young people without work now than at the same time last year.

Yesterday's figures show a crude total of jobless in Britain, including school leavers and before seasonal adjustment, of 1,446,700, with a further 71,000 unemployed in Northern Ireland.

The latest drop in unemployment was welcomed by Mr David Basnett, leader of the General and Municipal Workers', the country's third biggest trade union. Without the action taken by the Government this year, he said, the fall would not have occurred. However, he considered that the medium-term prospects remained bleak.

Drastic measures were still needed to ensure that the country did not suffer from a growing number of long-term unemployed, "we need to think beyond the shorter working week to an even greater degree of work-sharing," he said.

In Whitehall, officials are sticking to the rather conservative view that unemployment is steady, or perhaps showing a gentle decline.

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Mr Gromyko is helped from the podium after collapsing while addressing the United Nations General Assembly yesterday.

Mr Gromyko taken ill at UN

From Michael Leapman
New York, Sept 26

Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, collapsed today while giving a long speech to the United Nations General Assembly.

After speaking for about half an hour and completing two-thirds of his prepared speech, he had to be helped from the podium by members of his delegation. He was taken to an anteroom to which a doctor was immediately summoned.

However, less than an hour later, Mr Gromyko, who is 69, resumed his speech and was given an enthusiastic reception by delegates. He complained that the hot lights for the television cameras had made him feel unwell.

In his speech Mr Gromyko denounced the Camp David agreements in severe terms. "Separate deals at the expense of the Arabs have only sidetracked the solution of the problem", he stated.

"And such precisely is the nature of the understandings reached at the recent three-sided meeting at Camp David. If a realistic look is taken at things, no grounds can be found to believe that they, as claimed, bring closer the Middle East settlement.

"On the contrary, what this is all about is a new anti-Arab step making it difficult to achieve a just solution of this pressing problem. That is why a campaign of artificial and affected optimism can mislead no one," he said.

In a clear reference to President Sadat of Egypt, Mr Gromyko said: "Unfortunately, even in the Arab world there are some politicians who display no concern for Arab lands and who are inclined to neglect the legitimate rights of the Arabs, notably the Palestinian Arabs, and to cringe and surrender to the demands of the aggressor and his patrons."

He insisted that the Geneva peace conference was the right forum for negotiations on the question and he called for its resumption.

Mr Gromyko also gave a stout defence of his Government's policy in Africa. "How many words and what a huge amount of paper are spent on casting aspersions on the policy of the Soviet Union and other socialist countries in connexion with the situation in some parts of Africa?" he wondered.

"And who is doing all that? Those who were clinging to the remnants of colonialism and racialism. Being aware that what they are doing is hardly popular, to say the least, they are attempting to cover up their neo-colonialist moves and to deceive the peoples.

"As in the past, we are making no secret of the fact that our sympathies are on the side of the peoples fighting for their national independence and social progress.

"But we are not seeking any advantages for ourselves either in Africa or in the developing countries or other continents.

"When the states of Africa or other areas of the world request aid to repel aggression—we repeat, aggression—or an armed attack, they have every right to expect support from their friends", Mr Gromyko added.

By far the largest part of the Soviet Foreign Minister's speech was devoted to disarmament. He called for a limit on the deployment of strategic and other nuclear weapons, and claimed that, although the Soviet Union was sincere in this aim, the Western powers were stalling.

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Able pupils' potential unfulfilled, study says

By Diana Geddes

Primary schools in England and Wales are failing to make adequate provision for clever pupils, with the result that many children are failing to fulfil their true potential, a survey of primary schools states.

In virtually every subject teachers are failing to provide challenging work for the more able child, the report, published yesterday, shows. It is clear that a large group of children of above-average intelligence are affected and not just the specially gifted.

The report is also highly critical of the content of several subjects taught in primary schools, particularly science, history and geography. The curriculum was probably wide enough to serve present educational needs, but what is taught should be taken to greater depth, it suggests.

The survey, carried out by the School Inspectorate, found that high priority was given to teaching children the three Rs, and that reading standards of 11-year-olds are continuing to show a marked improvement. Although tests in reading and mathematics were given to children aged seven, nine and 11, no other direct comparison with past standards was possible because comparable data does not exist.

Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said it was the most comprehensive survey of its kind. It provided up-to-date and objective professional assessment of the state of primary education in England, and would make possible better informed and more balanced public discussion about it.

She hoped that its findings would be carefully studied. The survey showed that teachers in primary schools were working hard to make their pupils well behaved, literate and numerate, Mrs Williams said. They were concerned for individual children, especially those who found it difficult to learn.

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said he hoped the report's finding that teachers gave high priority to the three Rs would end the sniping that schools had had to endure from certain quarters.

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'auxhall workers ask or 'substantial' rise

Clifford Webb

second motor manufac- r is involved in crucial pay otiations with employees are demanding that it ld break the Government's per cent pay guideline. ons representing 26,000 xhall manual workers met management yesterday and ented claims "substantially xcess of 5 per cent".

nlike Ford Vauxhall did reject the claims out of d by insisting that it could defy the Government, and talks, which are being held a Midland hotel, will be med today.

oth sides declined to give ils last night about the unts under discussion. an representatives said: ıe company has made an r and the fact that we are ing back tomorrow means there is something on the e worth negotiating about."

ıe unions' claim is well w the 25 per cent anded by the Ford men, :h was based on the com- 's £246m profit last year, forecasts of an even bigger it this year.

uxhall suffered big losses five years before reporting a £4.3m profit in the first half of this year.

Even if the talks produce a general wage settlement, Vauxhall might face a strike by the 6,000 craftsmen who were out for six weeks last year.

A dozen or so members of the unofficial General Motors Combined Craft Committee lobbied yesterday's talks and gave a warning that if the company did not honour the terms that ended their stoppage last year, mass meetings would be called at all Vauxhall and AC Delco plants with a view to industrial action.

Mr Norman Gunter, the combine chairman, said: "The company created a new top-level wage grade for craftsmen and undertook to restore our skilled differentials, amounting to about 16 per cent, within three years. All that we have had so far is a lump-sum payment and promises. As from September 19, when the old pay deal ran out, we have been due the next stage payment to restore our differentials.

"If the company now tries to hide behind the Government Vauxhall craftsmen will have no recourse but to strike again."

Tory urges productivity deal talks

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

A call for the striking Ford unions to "get on now and negotiate" the management's offer of a productivity deal was made yesterday by Mr James Prior, Conservative spokesman on employment.

Speaking in an ITN interview, he emphasized a point that ministers feel has been badly overlooked, not least by the unions involved. It is that more than a 5 per cent rise is available at Ford if the unions will agree a self-financing deal on productivity, a point Mr Denis Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, echoed from Washington [Business News, page 17].

No government initiative is contemplated at present although the Prime Minister allowed his staff to acknowledge receipt of a letter calling for a recall of Parliament on October 9 from Mr Robert McCrindle, Conservative MP for Brentwood and Ongar. He is highly unlikely to see his call met.

Police investigating death of Bulgarian fly to Paris

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Two Scotland Yard detectives were present in Paris yesterday when doctors removed a metal particle from the back of an exiled Bulgarian journalist. The detectives are comparing the circumstances of an alleged attack on the man with a similar attack on Mr Georgi Markov, who died two weeks ago.

Before he died Mr Markov said he had been attacked in London by a man who stabbed him with an umbrella. Doctors have yet to discover the cause of his death but they have found something similar to a metal particle near the wound.

There has been speculation that Mr Markov, who fled from Bulgaria some years ago, was attacked because of his denunciation of the Bulgarian Government and that he was poisoned with the tip of the umbrella.

After Mr Markov's death Mr Vladimir Kostov described how he was hit in the back with a small pellet while he was on an escalator on the Paris Metro. On Monday the detectives flew to France to see him.

After the pellet was extracted yesterday Mr Kostov said the detectives would take the pellet and a fragment of the flesh around the wound back to Britain for comparison with specimens taken from Mr Markov at an autopsy.

Mr Markov had been employed for five years in writing a 20-minute programme, broadcast from Munich for Radio Free Europe, a radio stationed financed by United States Congressional grants, to transmit in Eastern Europe.

Customs seize £¼m of cannabis from aircraft

Customs investigators seized cannabis valued at about £250,000 last night after it had been landed by a light aircraft on a private airstrip at Blyborough Hall, Blyborough, in Lincolnshire.

As Customs men closed in the pilot prepared for take-off, but a Customs investigator leapt on to the wing and a car was driven in front of it.

The officials had been investigating for several months a gang thought to be one of the main suppliers of cannabis to Britain.

Before the aircraft landed a car drove on to the airstrip. It took on board two cases of cannabis, but was ambushed in a country lane near by.

Several people were arrested. The owners of the airstrip said it was normally used by crop-spraying aircraft.

hancellor sees % inflation r six months

Denis Healey, the Chancellor, said in hington that Britain's inflation rate dd remain little above 8 per cent for next six months and that single figure tion for the whole of next year was ly attainable. He also said the Governt was concerned to succeed in drawup a new European monetary system

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stal prices held

al and telephone prices will not be eased before the end of next March use greater use is being made of the ices as a result of price restraint and rous marketing, the Post Office said. greater reliability was necessary in the al service

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Plan for Brick Lane

Police hope to open an advice and information centre in Brick Lane, in the East End of London as part of their long-term plans for the area. The police hope that such a centre will help to combat the lack of communication which is hampering their efforts to end racial and political violence

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Envoy supports Shah

Sir Anthony Parsons, British Ambassador to Iran, echoed Mr Callaghan's support for the Shah in the current Iranian political crisis. In a surprise, impromptu speech at the international trade fair in Teheran, he said: "Iran is very important for my country"

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Fish war on two fronts

Britain is facing a fish war on two fronts. Irish fishermen have been advised to ignore a British ban on herring catches in parts of the Irish Sea. Denmark wants the European Commission to take Britain to court

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Air crash toll 150

The two pilots in America's worst air disaster were both given warnings that they were on a collision course on the flight path to San Diego airport, California, the Federal Aviation Administration announced. There was no explanation why they did not take evasion action. The death toll has risen to 150

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BIS staff cut by seven

The number of staff at the British Information Service's New York office is being reduced by only seven, which is far less drastic than the slimming down envisaged by Mr Peter Jay, the British Ambassador, in his proposals which stirred up a great deal of controversy

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Dog man jailed: A man who threw a dog from a bridge into the path of a train, injuring the driver, was jailed for four years

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Flower protest: Flowers were thrown at Astrid Proll, the alleged member of the Baader-Meinhof gang, when she was again remanded in custody

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Police chief criticizes 'do-gooders who give aid to criminals'

From Arthur Osman
Blackpool

The Police Superintendents' Association of England and Wales, whose members have said they favour a more authoritarian government in Britain, was told yesterday at its annual conference in Blackpool that misguided reformers and "do-gooders" were helping criminals to escape their punishment.

Chief Superintendent John Wilkinson, president of the association, appealed to the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure "to resist efforts by the do-gooders and reformers to handicap our efforts even further. Anything which makes it more difficult for the police officer helps the criminal and harms the public".

Mr Merlyn Rees, the Home Secretary, told the association that the climate of violence did not mean law and order had broken down; crime affected the Western world generally, and parents and some parts of the mass media had to take a share of responsibility for it.

Mr Wilkinson said the time had come "to be brutally frank with members of the public and to clamp down on the very small minority who are responsible for crime or are on the fringe, ably assisting the criminal to escape his rightful deserts.

"I include the reformers and do-gooders, even though I appreciate their intentions may be on the right lines. They are too gullible and misinformed, because they often seek their information from one source, the criminal."

Discussing the Bail Act, Mr Wilkinson said it was producing an atmosphere in which the policeman was becoming increasingly frustrated and was wondering whether it was worth risking his life to catch violent criminals.

"The Act has made it almost impossible for an accused person to be kept in custody, however serious his crime, and there are many reports of crimes being committed while the accused is on bail."

Mr Rees, speaking on that point, said: "I share the concern about the commission of offences by those on bail."

It was a mistake, however, to attribute such offences to the Bail Act, because it had come into force only recently.

"Before blaming everything on the Act I think it essential that we all look very closely first at what the Act actually says. In fact, the Act sets out as precisely as possible what principles should be applied, and then leaves it to the police and the courts to decide individual cases.

"Where, in your professional judgment, bail should be opposed, then the Act leaves ample room for reasoned argument. Although the courts are independent, it is unlikely that they will be unmoved by well reasoned cases."

Police plan Brick Lane advice centre

By Robert Parker

Scotland Yard and police in the East End of London are hoping to open an advice centre manned by policemen in Brick Lane, the street in Spitalfields that has become the focal point of racial tension and political trouble between left and right.

One of its functions would be to give help to local Asians by explaining police information leaflets and to assist residents to lodge complaints in the case of attack.

The plan for the centre is one of the long-term responses the police are making to the concern arising from attacks on members of the Bengali community of between 20,000 and 30,000.

It is hoped that if the right premises can be acquired the centre will go a long way to overcoming a lack of communication, one of the main difficulties the local police have in combating violence against the Bengalis.

The police are concerned by evidence that members of the Bengali community do not report attacks on theselves or their property to the authorities. The reasons are thought to be that many Bengalis speak no English, that they have come from an area of Bangladesh where there is fear and mistrust of the police, and that they do not understand English procedures.

The plans for the centre and other measures in Tower Hamlets come on top of a recent increase in the level of police activity in the district.

Supt John Wallis, the police community liaison officer in Tower Hamlets, says the police have done everything in their power to control racial and other attacks, in particular after the murder of a Bengali youth near Brick Lane on May 4 when the situation became "explosive".

The police feel they have stabilized matters with a relatively short-term response to get things under control, but they now wish to embark on longer-term planning. The troubles at Spitalfields are known to be high on the list of priorities of Sir David McNee, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner.

The police clearly feel indignant at what they see as orchestrated criticism of themselves by people in the East End who, they suspect, may often have political motives and who care and do far less about the troubles of the Bengali community than the police do.

Every Sunday since early this year groups of National Front members and opponents have gathered in the market section of Brick Lane.

Police from all over London have been brought in to help the local H division. Many uniformed policemen have been on patrol day and night and plain-clothes police have been deployed.

Supt Wallis holds monthly meetings with Asian leaders which have often been attended by Mr Ian Mikardo, MP for Tower Hamlets, Bethnal Green and Bow, and Mr Peter Shore, as MP for Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar. In particularly troublesome areas special "home-beat" officers have been at work for the past three months. Their job has been to get to know local people and they have been supported by leaflets in immigrant languages.

Social workers called out on a day's strike

By Christopher Thomas

Britain's 11,000 social workers have been called out on an unofficial 24-hour strike today over a long-standing pay grievance.

The action has the tacit support of the National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo), which represents most social workers, but is being spearheaded by the All-Labour Social Workers Action Group, an unofficial London-based body with strong Trotskyist connexions.

The strike is expected to get widespread support. About 700 social workers in Newcastle upon Tyne and the London boroughs of Southwark and Tower Hamlets have been on strike for several weeks and are receiving union strike pay.

The militant action reflects increasing disenchantment among social workers about their pay particularly in socially deprived areas such as the inner cities. Nalgo is supporting their demand to negotiate pay grades locally with each of the 100 or so local authorities employing social workers, instead of the present arrangement of rates being set nationally.

In an unconnected dispute, renewed peace talks between National Health Service unions and management collapsed again yesterday over action by hospital maintenance supervisors, which is reducing hospitals to "emergency only" services.

The unions say that hundreds of supervisors on the lower grades earn less than the people they supervise. They apparently insisted in yesterday's talks that a management offer of a grading and salary restructuring should be improved by a quarter. The talks broke up and no date has been fixed for a resumption.

The dispute is having a rapidly worsening effect on hospitals, mainly because of the breakdown in laundry services. Some hospitals have asked patients to provide linen. All 15 regional health authorities, covering 2,600 hospitals, are feeling the effect of the action, which could now be intensified.

The social workers' dispute looks also as if it might spread. Several big centres around the country are contemplating strikes. Nalgo argues that social workers are one of only a few local government groups that still negotiate pay rates nationally, and believes that local bargaining would yield rates that take account of local conditions.

An unqualified social worker gets £60 to £75 a week, and a qualified person, obtaining the Certificate of Qualification in Social Work, gets £70 to £85.

The strikes in Newcastle, Southwark and Tower Hamlets have had a wide-ranging impact, affecting the elderly awaiting discharge from hospital, juveniles appearing before courts and disabled people needing aids. Gas and electricity debts, a continuing difficulty among the low paid, are also rising rapidly.

Mr Michael Blick, chairman of Nalgo's national local government committee, said yesterday that heavy new responsibilities had been placed on social workers by legislation like the Children and Young Persons Act and the Local Authority Social Services Act.

He added: "There has been a total rearrangement of work in social services departments since the Seebohm report in the early 1970s. Instead of concentrating on one sphere social workers now have to handle a whole range of duties. They have to be Jack-of-all-trades and master of them all."

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Scheme to license sex shows i London

By Our Local Government Correspondent

The Greater London Co has declared its intention to pose strict rules to ensure treatment for customers at s tease clubs in London.

A meeting of the coun public services and safety mittee tomorrow will be re mended to approve a sy under which both boo offices and nude posing e lishments will for the first have to be annually license

The proposals are for the plementation of powers incl in the GLC's General Po Act, which became law in and arise from a report on practices in the Soho area two years ago to the coun

The report said that c mers were often asked extra payments after bu tickets at booking offices, that the entertainment was at the same address as booking office.

If the proposals are acce booking offices will have to play a notice stating: "Th a booking office. Entertain in not being given in t premises."

The name and full add of booking offices will printed on tickets sold shows elsewhere, and sal tickets will be prohibited u it has been established ticket holders can lawfully accommodated at the show.

Inter-city coach fares get cheaper

By Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent

Inter-city coaches, which have been badly affected by rail competition in the past two years, are to retaliate with faster, cheaper services, free newspapers for passengers, and no-smoking sections.

The first of the new White Arrow Express coaches will start to operate fast, motorway services between London and Manchester, Liverpool and Birmingham at the weekend, the state-owned National Bus Company's National Travel (West) subsidiary said yesterday.

Traffic on some National Bus Company coaches has dropped by up to a fifth since British Rail introduced its half-price Big City Saver and other cut-price fares.

Services between Liverpool and London are being increased to three a day and journey times are being cut by an hour.

Those between Manchester and London are being increased to four a day and there will be a two-hourly service to Birmingham throughout the day.

During the winter there will be special reduced fares—£5 to Birmingham and £8 to Manchester and Liverpool for period returns. Cheap-day returns between London and Birmingham will cost £3.85.

Salmon as a purity test for Thames

By Alan Hamilton

As a final demonstration that life has been restored to the Thames, the river is to be restocked with the noblest of species, one that most dislikes dirty water, the Atlantic salmon.

Yesterday the Thames Water Authority approved a seven-year pilot scheme, costing £150,000, to establish a stock of young fish as far upstream as Runnymede and to build a by-pass to Molesey weir, one of the principal barriers to migration.

Work will begin next year to establish a downstream run of 10,000 smolts, or young salmon, in the first year, and 20,000 in each of the following six years.

If the pilot scheme is successful, a second phase will open up the river to Salmo salar up to Cookham, and a third phase to Clifton Hampden, near Oxford, including the potentially fruitful spawning tributaries of the Kennet and Wye. The scheme will take 22 years and cost an estimated £570,000.

Mr Hugh Fish, chief executive of the authority, said yesterday that now that the Thames had been cleaned to its present high level of purity, it was important to test its capability to support salmon.

Such a scheme would have been unthinkable 15 years ago, when the only marine life able to exist in the unsavory waters of the lower river was the eel. Since then more than 90 species of fish have been recorded.

Last June a live male salmon was seen swimming at Shepperton weir, 62 miles from the sea, the first seen so far upstream since 1830.

That fish was thought to be the product of a small restocking experiment in 1975, when 5,000 fry were released into a tiny Thames tributary near Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire. Of those, fewer than 50 were expected to find their way back into the Thames to breed.

If the salmon can survive all perils and snares, the Thames may one day return to the bountiful state it enjoyed in medieval times, when London apprentices were protected by their indentures from having to eat Thames salmon more than twice a week.

Prince's warning: The Prince of Wales spoke yesterday of man's "insatiable greed" in destroying salmon stocks in British rivers.

He told an international symposium on Atlantic salmon at Edinburgh University that the fight against river pollution needed to be stepped up to return our salmon rivers to their former glory. "Unless salmon can breed in our rivers, there will be no salmon at all", he said.

Tyne group 'threat to jobs'

Mrs Maureen Taylor, chairman of the North of England Development Council, last night criticized the controlling Labour group of Tyne and Wear County Council for "eight commandments" which, she said, would destroy the development council's role as creator of jobs for the North-east.

Mrs Taylor, a Labour member of Cleveland County Council, said at a press conference that recent Tyne and Wear guidelines laid down that the development council should not, without the clearance of the North East County Councils' Association, be involved in any expression of political comment; involve itself in EEC affairs: comment on matters of regional strategy; or in any way change its programmes or policies without permission from the association.

It should also not comment on matters of regional significance; be involved in deciding the future role of the development council in the context of the northern regional Labour Party document entitled *Let's pull together*—a fully approved policy for all Labour Party members in the north; take any decision that would inhibit decisions by constituent authorities of the development council; or be involved in trade missions overseas.

She added that she had been warned that the guidelines must be adopted by the newly formed county councils' association and accepted by the development council if contributions from Tyne and Wear were to continue beyond April 1, 1979.

"Even if Tyne and Wear refuse us its £84,000 annual contribution we would still survive and continue to bring industry and jobs to the region", she said.

She said that it was the intention of the Tyne and Wear Labour group to place the development council's executive committee, officers and operational functions in a straitjacket "which, in my opinion, would in effect lead to the disbandment of the organization".

The Tyne and Wear Labour group, she said, had decided that within the executive committee of the development council there should be an internal Labour group with chairman and officers and standing orders to determine policy before the executive committee meetings took place.

Union meeting with 'Times' management

By Our Labour Staff

Officials of the Na Society of Operative Pri Graphical and Media Pers (Natsopa) met manage representatives of Times papers yesterday in the of a series of such me with unions.

The Society of Graphica Allied Trades (Sogat) is to the management on M and talks have been con next Wednesday with the iety of Lithographic A Designers, Engravers and cess Workers (Slade). Th ional Union of Journali to meet the management

The series of talks are a warning by Times Newsp to all staff that unless ment can be reached wit unions by November 30 number of issues it will su publication of The Times its supplements and The Su Times.

As a result of yester meeting, others are t arranged between manage and chapels (office sectio Natsopa. The management lined the kind of agreem was seeking but there w discussion of specific neg ing areas.

The National Graphical ciation, the main craft pri union, has also been invit take part in the talks. The pany wants an undertaki continuous production, a disputes procedure, new ning arrangements and a proved companywide structure.

Benefits tax 'is not practicable'

By Our Political Reporter

Mr Stanley Orme, Minister for Social Security, last night criticized Conservative proposals for taxing short-term social security benefits. In a statement issued in response to a speech by Sir Keith Joseph, the opposition spokesman on industry, he invited Sir Keith to say more precisely how the Tory proposals would work.

Mr Orme questioned what additional administrative costs would be involved and how many civil servants would be required. The Conservatives ought to recognize that it was not a practical proposition until both local office benefit records and tax records had been computerized, he said.

Sir Keith said in his speech to Conservative women in Manchester on Monday night that the Tory proposals would not necessitate any great increase in the number of civil servants.

"To attempt to introduce a tax credit scheme based on clerical operation would cause an immense administrative upheaval", Mr Orme said. "It would require something like 13,000 more people to operate than tax and social security do at present, and the taxpayer would face extra administrative costs of about £100m a year.

Minister acts on state boarding

The Department of Education and Science said yesterday that Mrs Shirley Williams, the Secretary of State, had agreed to finance a new clearing-house system for a three-year experimental period to help local education authorities to make the best use of state boarding schools.

The system will be run by the Boarding Schools Association, which will keep a register of vacancies. Earlier this year the association drew attention to the falling number of pupils and schools. It called for an official inquiry into state and private boarding provision.

The department said last night that since 1970 the number of boarding pupils in the maintained sector had dropped from 10,478 to 9,321 last year.

Drivers protest over dismissal

Eighteen lorry drivers facing dismissal by Mac's Transport, of Tingley, West Yorkshire, and an associated company in Warrington because of a strike by 11 of their colleagues today blockaded the Leeds headquarters of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

The men, who have accepted a 4½ per cent pay offer which was rejected by the strikers, blocked the entrance to the offices with a 36ft vehicle. They were finally promised talks today.

Threat to 'after hours' petrol

Awarning that "after hours" petrol service from £1 note machines might come to a temporary halt soon was given yesterday by BP oil.

Sensitive equipment that will "pass" the new £1 notes has not yet been approved by the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection, and there are few old notes in good enough condition. BP is considering a switch to £5 note machines.

Graves desecrated

Swastikas and slogans such as "Hitler was a gas" were daubed on 150 graves in a Jewish cemetery in Golders Green, London on Monday night. Police yesterday were seeking a gang they believe spent up to two hours desecrating tombstones.

Post Office pegs prices until March

By Patricia Tisdall
Management Correspondent

Post and telephone prices will not be raised before the end of March because the use of both services is increasing, the Post Office said yesterday.

Mr Denis Roberts, managing director of posts, said that an increase in letter and particularly parcel traffic had been encouraged by price stability and vigorous marketing.

Last year the postal service contributed £40.4m to the Post Office's total surplus of £367.7m. Parcels apart, all main postal services operated at a profit and the parcel service loss was reduced from £18 to £5.8m.

"In over three years basic letter prices will have increased by only 7.5 per cent, while the retail price index will have gone up by about 50 per cent", Mr Roberts said, speaking at the opening of the Mailing Efficiency Exhibition in London.

"But we are not only concerned about prices. Reliability during recent months has not been as good as it should be. We are working hard to improve this."

Plans for the introduction of a high-speed facsimile service between London and North America were announced at the exhibition.

According to Mr Peter Benton, managing director of telecommunications, business growth was expected to be up by more than 10 per cent on last year.

An undertaking was given earlier this year to hold telephone charges to 5 per cent below inflation rates for the next five years.

Mr Prior gives hint that Tories may favour pay curb

By Our Political Editor

Mr James Prior, Conservative spokesman on employment, said on ITN's News at One programme yesterday that in speaking about the Ford dispute he wanted to be careful not to give the impression that people could expect higher wage rises under the Tories than under a Labour government. That is different, to say the least, from the impression left by a recent Conservative Party political broadcast.

Mr Prior insisted on "greater flexibility" and he urged it on the Government in the hope of finding "a sensible, reasonable way out" of the Ford strike.

But he wanted to make it clear that "a Conservative government would not be able to allow wages just to rip". That way everyone would suffer. To prevent it did not necessarily mean returning to a statutory incomes policy, but it could do so.

"I think that may well have to happen under certain circumstances", he said, while giving greater emphasis to the need to control public expenditure and the money supply.

Union leaders also came in for criticism from Mr Prior. They ought to have been emphasizing the importance of pay restraint, "not pay restraint because they want to hold people down; pay restraint because we need to hold inflation down and need to get our production and ability to sell goods up".

Second Ulster firm faces pay clash

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

For the second time in less than 24 hours a large Northern Ireland exporting firm yesterday faced the threat of industrial action by its work force because it had refused to negotiate a pay deal outside the Government's Phase Four guideline of 5 per cent.

Shortly before noon all 800 workers at Davidson and Company's Sirocco Engineering Works, in east Belfast, downed tools for a token strike after being given details of a wages offer averaging just over 4 per cent.

A full-scale strike was temporarily averted after a later meeting between management and shop stewards.

On Monday workers at James Mackie also rejected an offer within the 5 per cent limit.

London monitors reactions to flood alert

By Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

London was warned yesterday of the imminent danger of a flood. The Greater London Council spent £98,000 on Exercise Floodcall to tell a million citizens what would happen if the Thames burst its banks.

Emergency and public services stood by as 80 flood alert sirens wailed. The operation was organized from the Thames Flood Control Centre at Kingsway by Sir James Swaffield, Director General and Clerk to the GLC.

The council monitored the public's attitude to the exercise by sending out 50 interviewers to talk to 50 people each.

The GLC said that the sirens had not been heard by everyone in the capital, and that some people had heard them only indistinctly, while others had not understood their significance. But the exercise had gone well, and emergency services had performed splendidly.

Mr Bertrand Brooke-Partridge, chairman of the council's public services and safety committee, said they were determined that London should be prepared to deal with any flood threat before the Thames barrier at Woolwich is operational in the early 1980s.

"The threat is real. It is not a matter of if there is a flood, but of when the flood comes", he added.

The trouble is that Britain is slowly tilting, causing London and the South-east to fall by a foot every 100 years. London is sinking on its bed of clay and high tides are getting even higher.

Tides are more than two feet higher at London Bridge than they were 100 years ago. In addition bad weather and high winds in the North Atlantic and North Sea could cause a tidal surge to rush up the Thames several feet over the defences.

Senior lecturer suspended in exam inquiry

A senior lecturer at Wolverhampton Polytechnic has been suspended from duty on full pay while allegations that questions were sold to students before an examination last June are investigated. It has been alleged that about £500 changed hands.

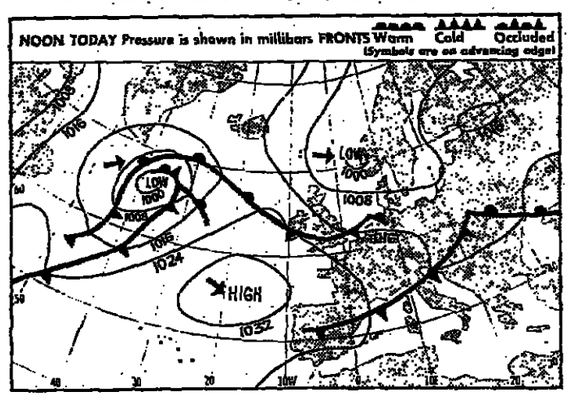
Interpol has been asked to trace some of the 11 students said to have been involved. Ten of the students who took the Higher National Diploma in civil engineering were Iranians and one a West Indian. Three of the Iranian students who failed appealed against the result and in the subsequent investigation discrepancies came to light.

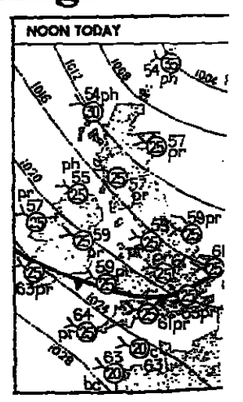
The polytechnic said: Allegations have been made against a member of the staff in relation to the conduct of a Higher National Diploma examination in civil engineering.

These allegations are being investigated, both internally and by the police. The member of the staff has been suspended from duty on full pay pending the outcome of the investigation.

This is a very serious matter and the passes given to the eight other students are being withheld until we know what is going to happen.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 6.34 am Sun sets: 6.49 pm
Moon rises: 1.43 am Moon sets: 4.39 pm
New Moon: October 2.
Lighting up: 7.19 pm to 6.26 am.
High water: London Bridge, 10.49 am, 5.7m (18.6ft); 11.45 pm, 5.9m (19.5ft). Avonmouth, 3.53 am, 9.5m (31.0ft); 4.25 pm, 9.9m (32.4ft). Dover, 8.28 am, 5.2m (17.1ft); 9.5 pm, 5.3m (17.5ft). Hull, 2.54 am, 5.6m (18.2ft); 3.46 pm, 5.7m (18.6ft). Liverpool, 8.41 am, 7.2m (23.6ft); 9.12 pm, 7.5m (24.6ft).

A trough of low pressure will move S across England and Wales.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, East Anglia, Midlands, S Wales, E, central N England: Rain in places at first, becoming brighter with showers; wind W, moderate or fresh; max temp 15°C (59°F).

SE, central S, SW England, Channel Islands: Rather cloudy, some showers, becoming brighter with sunny periods in afternoon; wind W, moderate or fresh; max temp 16°C (61°F).

N Wales, NW, NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Showery, bright or sunny periods developing; wind W, fresh; max temp 14°C (57°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, N Ireland: Showers, some heavy; bright or sunny intervals; wind W, fresh, locally strong; max temp 12° or 13°C (54° to 55°F).

NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Showery, bright or sunny intervals; wind W, moderate or fresh; max temp 10° or 11°C (50° to 52°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Changeable and rather cold.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, St George's Channel: Wind W, fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough.

English Channel (E): Wind W, moderate or fresh; sea moderate.

Irish Sea: Wind N, strong to gale; sea very rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 19°C (66°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 9°C (48°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 54 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 7 pm, nil. Sun, 24 hr to 5.8hr. Bar. mean sea level 1,021.5 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F		C	F		C	F
Aberdeen	s	22	81	Copenhagen	f	23	73	Lisbon	s	29	84
Algiers	s	27	81	Dublin	r	15	59	London	f	17	63
Amsterdam	f	16	61	Edinburgh	r	15	64	Luxemburg	r	11	52
Athens	s	35	77	Florence	s	29	84	Madrid	s	33	91
Barcelona	s	23	77	Funchal	f	25	77	Majorca	s	27	81
Beirut	s	27	81	Geneva	s	21	70	Malta	s	26	79
Belfast	r	14	57	Gibraltar	s	24	75	Miami	c	31	88
Berlin	r	15	59	Guernsey	f	17	63	Montreal	r	9	48
Biarritz	r	20	68	Helsinki	c	7	45	Moscow	c	4	39
Brussels	f	15	59	Innsbruck	s	23	73	Munich	s	23	73
Budapest	s	26	79	Istanbul	s	29	84	Naples	s	24	75
Chicago	c	25	77	Jersey	r	17	63	New York	c	18	59
Cologne	c	13	55	L Palmas	f	25	77	Nice	s	29	72
Oslo	c	12	57	Paris	c	15	59	Reykjavik	r	9	48
Rome	s	31	70	S Francisco	c	19	66	Stockholm	c	10	50
Toronto	s	16	61	Vancouver	s	19	66	Venice	f	23	73
Vienna	s	24	75	Warsaw	r	14	57	Zurich	f	20	68

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm, Septemb

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max temp °C	°F
E COAST				
Scarboro	6.6	.01	15	59
Bridlington	6.3	—	16	61
Clacton	6.1	—	18	64
Margate	6.9	—	18	64
S COAST				
Hastings	7.2	—	18	64
Eastbourne	6.8	—	18	64
Brighton	7.2	—	17	63
Bognor	6.6	—	17	63
Southsea	8.1	—	18	64
Sandown	8.8	—	18	64
Bournemouth	7.0	—	17	63
Exmouth	7.7	—	19	66
Torquay	8.7	—	19	66
Falmouth	7.5	—	17	63
W COAST				
Morecambe	5.6	.13	15	59
Blackpool	5.4	.02	15	59
Newquay	8.6	.05	17	63

Overseas selling prices
Austria, Sch 15; Belgium, Canaries, Pes 60; Denmark, Finland, Fmk 2.50; France, Germany, Dmk 0.50; Greece, Holland, Dfl 0.60; Hongkong 6.00; Italy, Lire 700; Iraq, LI 30; Madeira, Esc 22.50; Morocco, Kr 4.50; Portugal, Spain, Pes 60; Sweden, S Switzerland, Scr 0.60; Turkey, £1.4 $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 24.

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More provision for handicapped children urged

By a Staff Reporter

Government moves to end the inappropriate admission of mentally handicapped children to hospital should be extended to include all handicapped youngsters, the Personal Social Services Council said yesterday.

The council, which advises ministers on social services policy, was responding to a Department of Health circular asking health and local authorities to review the needs of mentally handicapped children in hospital.

The council's People with Handicaps Group said the criteria for admitting any handicapped child to hospital should be the same as those applied to any other child.

A national target date should also be set for the ending of inappropriate hospital admissions, the group said. It should not be left to local decisions, as the circular suggests.

While welcoming a reduction in the past three years in the number of handicapped children admitted to hospital, the group said that had sometimes placed an intolerable burden on families.

Provision of community alternatives would need to be increased substantially.

'Tourists' from Chile said to be team of pickpockets

Visits to Oxford Street and Buckingham Palace for the changing of the guard and trips on the Underground by a party from Chile, were not motivated by the usual curiosity of tourists, it was stated at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

They were a team of pickpockets who had come to Britain posing as tourists during jubilee year, for the purpose of stealing from genuine tourists, Mr Christopher Hilliard, for the prosecution, alleged.

The team's central figure was said to be Rosa Vera, aged 49, the mother or mother-in-law of some of the accused and the godmother of another. With her in the dock were four women and three men.

Three of the women were said to have arrived at Gatwick airport in September, 1977, with little money but a large quantity of beans or bags of flour. They were refused entry and went to Madrid. From there they travelled through France and sailed to England.

When police raided a flat in Bayswater, London, last December, Mr Hilliard said, they found six of the accused in occupation and a collection of passports, identity cards, bags, purses and wallets, travellers' cheques, rolls of bank notes to the value of thousands of pounds, and large quantities of coin in various currencies, as well as jewelry and watches.

Jose Roja, aged 41, Victoria Opazo, aged 19, Maria Rozas, aged 26, Rosa Vera, aged 49, Maria Arcos, aged 46, and Rene Vera, aged 25, all plead not guilty to conspiring between July and December, 1977, to steal property from people in the streets in London.

Blanca Zamora, aged 49, and Rubin Reyes, aged 29, plead not guilty to conspiring together and with others to steal property from people in London. Mr Reyes pleads not guilty to conspiring with Blanca Zamora and others to steal from people in London streets.

The trial, which is expected to last about five weeks, was adjourned until today.

Rent men robbed

The police last night were looking for a masked man who threatened two council rent collectors with a gun before robbing them of £3,500 at Colnbrook, Buckinghamshire.

Firemen injured

Two firemen were taken to hospital yesterday after they had been kicked by a pony when making a vain attempt to rescue it from a culvert at Hanworth, Middlesex.

Smallpox alert

A woman with a skin rash has been admitted to an isolation hospital at Solihull, near Birmingham as part of the Midlands anti-smallpox precautions. She has not been named.

Appeal over fine leads to jail

Thomas Frost, aged 41, of Burleigh Mews, Everton, who appealed against a £50 fine for assaulting a police constable, was jailed for three months instead at Liverpool Crown Court yesterday.

The Recorder, Mr Andrew Rankin, QC, said he was astounded that the city magistrates should have imposed a fine for an attack on a policeman that kept him off duty for 22 days. Liverpool was "becoming a lawless city" he said.

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OME NEWS

rimary schools have low standards in most ubjects apart from basic skills, report says

Diana Geddes
cation Correspondent

od work is being done in hing basic numeracy and acy in primary schools, but ost other subjects the con- s and standards leave much e desired, and the needs of more able child are not in ral being met.

ose are the main findings, ished yesterday, of the comprehensive survey of ary schools in England and s ever to be undertaken the Schools Inspectorate. findings are based on visits ore than 1,000 classes of n, nine, and 11-year-olds 40 primary schools from to 1977.

e report recommends that h greater use should be e of the special strengths ndividual teachers in draw- p schemes of work for the ol, without moving too far from the traditional ary school system of one ral teacher for each class. ore attention should be to the aplication of basic s. High priority was given mathematics, reading and ing in schools, but the hing of skills in isolation not produce the best lts, the report says.

at was particularly strik- in the disapointing results ved by children in a matics test.

rial and in-service train- for teachers should put ter emphasis on helping hers to assess pupils' per- ance and capabilities.

children were to reach factory standards in a range of work, there a need to raise the ral level of assumptions t what they were capable oing and to establish learn- methods in all subjects that d enable children to make ress and have confidence, report says.

e need to raise teachers' mptions of children's city to learn had special rance for average and e average children in inner- schools. The survey had ated that children in inner- schools were more likely others to be underesti- d by their teachers and least likely to be given work that extended their capabilities.

> "If children are to reach satisfactory standards in a full range of subjects, there is a need to raise the general level of assumptions about what children are capable of doing and to establish teaching methods to enable them to make progress."

The report emphasizes several times the need for children of above-average intelligence to be stretched more. The survey found that in almost all the cases where work was not reasonably matched to children's capabilities it was insufficiently demanding. It was very rare for children to be required to undertake work that was too difficult for them.

The teaching of reading was most frequently judged to be reasonably matched with children's abilities, although reading skills were less often extended appropriately for the most able

After reading, mathematics was most consistently recorded as reasonably matched to the children's ability for the average and less able groups. But in the most able groups a reasonable match was achieved in only half the mathematics classes.

Science teaching was found to be the least well matched to children's capabilities. Children were not sufficiently challenged in more than two-thirds of all groups. The lack of challenge again occurred more frequently in the most able groups.

In geography and history the work was reasonably matched to children's capabilities in fewer than half the classes. Elements of those subjects were frequently taught as topics or projects, which sometimes resulted in repetitive work rather than an extension of children's skills and knowledge. There was considerable underestimation of the most able children's capacities.

Differences in class sizes of between 25 and 35 pupils, in the type of school or its size, and in the experience of the teacher were found to have no significant effect.

The effect on attainment of teaching children of different abilities together or in separate ability groups was difficult to judge because so few schools streamed according to ability. About one third of schools were large enough to stream but less than a fifth chose to do so, though grouping within a class for mathematics and for English was widespread.

However, when the reading and mathematics scores of children in streamed classes were omitted from the calculations, there was found to be virtually no change in the average scores obtained by children, suggesting that mixed-ability classes or streaming had little effect on children's performance.

Different methods of teaching were found to have a significant effect, however. In classes where a mainly "exploratory" approach was used, scores achieved for reading and mathematics were worse and the mismatch with ability greater than in classes where the more traditional "didactic" approach was used or a combination of the didactic and exploratory.

Higher reading scores were associated with those classes where children made good use of book collections or libraries, and where stories and poems weer read to children.

Better mathematics scores were associated with those classes for 11-year-olds where skills were regularly practised from the blackboard, and with all classes where children undertook practical activities, as well as calculations, involving the four rules of number.

The reading performance of 11-year-olds was found to have improved when compared with the scores achieved on the same test since 1955.

The report suggests that any future marked improvement in the general level of performance in reading will probably depend on developing a more systematic approach to teaching the average and more able readers to read critically.

In writing, considerable effort was being made to teach syntax and spelling. But the rules were too often forgotten when children wrote their own words, possibly because the grammar and spelling were too often based on isolated exercises. Time spent on creative writing should allow for the correction and improvement of initial attempts.

Science teaching is severely criticized in the report. Few primary schools had effective programmes for teaching science, it says.

The most severe obstacle to the improvement of science teaching was that many teachers lacked a working knowledge of elementary science.

The report says that in four out of five classes that studied history, the work was superficial.

The teaching of geography is also criticized. Many classes made no use of atlases, maps or globes. Though good work was being done in some classes, essential skills and ideas were seldom given sufficient attention.

The same neglect of basic principles and skills was found in the teaching of art and some crafts. There was a need for children to be taught to observe more carefully and to record faithfully, the report says. The emphasis on a wide variety of materials had resulted in some cases in children working in a superficial way.

On the whole, however, the survey found that teachers in primary schools worked hard to make pupils well behaved, literate and numerate; that they were concerned for individual children, especially those who found it difficult to learn; that a wide range of knowledge and skills were being taught; and that relations between teachers and individual parents have become closer.

Primary Education in England. A survey of HM Inspectors of Schools. (Stationery Office, £3.50.)

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Arthur Askey, aged 78, the comedian, recovering in hospital in Midhurst, Sussex, from a heart attack. With him is Anthea, his daughter.

Four years' jail for throwing dog at train

From Our Correspondent
St Albans

A man who threw a dog into the path of a train was jailed for four years at St Albans Crown Court yesterday.

David Fenson, aged 26, a painter, of Skegness Road, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, pleaded guilty to damaging a train, endangering the life of the driver, endangering the safety of rail passengers, obstructing an engine and assaulting the driver.

He denied destroying a dog, thereby endangering the life of the driver, and his plea was accepted.

Mr Richard Crabtree, for the prosecution, said that Fenson was seen standing on a railway bridge in Stevenage. A girl saw him lift the dog and throw it into the air.

"The dog's body shattered the train's windscreen and struck the driver in the chest, causing extensive bruising. He was able to apply the brakes."

Mr Fenson said in a statement that the dog had been killed in a road accident before the incident. Mr John Coffey, for the defence, said Mr. Fenson had drunk more than 12 pints of beer before taking the dog for a walk.

Mr Justice Melford Stevenson told Mr Fenson: "I am prepared to accept that the dog may have been badly injured before you threw it over the bridge."

Drastic change in regional aid policies sought

From Ronald Kershaw
Leeds

A drastic chagne in the regional assistance policies followed over recent years by both main political parties was advocated at a meeting of Leeds Chamber of Commerce and Industry yesterday.

The chamber accepted a paper presented by Mr Ronald Taylor, its director, which among otehB proposals suggested that a grater measure of government and EEC regional aid should be diverted from development areas to intermediate areas with potential for natural growth. It was decided that furteer study should be undertaken.

The paper said the policy of governments since the war had been to protect jobs in areas of high unemployment by loans and grants for plant, machinery, building work, training and, at one time, an employment subsidy.

"There has been no research carried into the effectiveness of all this expenditure in terms of long-term improvements in jobs", it said.

The paper agues that rather than protect jobs in the northern and Celtic fringes, the policy should be to promote jobs in areas with natural growth potential.

While not recommending the immediate dismantling of regional aid structure, which would cause extreme difficulties for firms that have based forward planning on the continuation of financial assistance, the paper suggested that the balance should be redressed in a variety of ways.

They included giving greater priority in planning basic services to natural growth points, removing industrial development certificate controls and reducing regional assistance over a period of years.

Shelters 'will not intrude' inquiry is told

From Our Correspondent
Woodbridge

A public inquiry opened at Woodbridge, Suffolk, yesterday into a scheme to build 72 bomb-proof aircraft shelters for Nato alongside the United States Air Force base at Bentwaters. The base is the scene of a strike by construction workers building shelters.

Mr John Dahl, the inquiry inspector, was told that Suffolk County Council an dthe Rendlesham Forest Action Group were among objectors to plans by the Ministry of Defence to acquire 272 acres of Forestry Commission land for the scheme.

Mr Jeremy Sullivan, for the ministry, said there would not be a significant intrusion into an area of outstanding natural beauty. "The area will not become a treeless desert, as has been suggested in some of the objections. There is a compelling defence need for the shelters," he said.

Second marrow transfusion

Mark Ward, aged 12, who has a rare blood disorder and received bone marrow from his brother, will go through the operation again tomorrow at Hammersmith Hospital.

The boy, of Thompson Crescent, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, contracted a gastric infection after the first operation.

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trid Proll, wanted by the German police as an ed member of the Baader- hof gang, was again nded in custody when she ared at Bow Street Magis- s' Court, London, yester- As she left the dock red ations and lilies were wn at her from the public ry.

ss Proll, aged 31, is being under the Aliens Act ting extradition proceed- by West Germany, where is wanted on two charges attempted murder. Armed cemen were on duty at the t when Miss Proll was ght from Brixton prison the three-minute hearing. smiled and greeted friends he public gallery as she was ught into court handcuffed a policewoman.

tective Inspector James k, of the anti-terrorist squad, Miss Proll had acknow- ged her identity. She had n arrested in Germany in 1 and released during her l because of ill health. It a condition of her release t she reported to the police ly, but she had failed to do

Miss Proll was remanded in tody until next Tuesday. Mr Desmond Banks, Miss ll's solicitor, said that on last occasion in court she reported to have shown dis- pect to the Bench by turning back on the magistrate. He : "She has asked me to tell court that no disrespect was nded. She turned to greet nds whom she had not seen some time."

Mr Evelyn Russell, Chief tropolitan Magistrate, said accepted the explanation. Outside the court about 30 ple shouted "Free Anna" she was driven back to Brix- prison. Miss Proll called self Anna Puttick while she working as an instructor car mechanics at a north ndon car repair workshop. woman speaking on behalf a defence committee set up oppose Miss Proll's extra- ion said that they feared for life if she was returned to many. They wanted her ognized as a political soner.

aptain fined £150

James Simpson, aged 54, ster of the MV Lord Strath- a, was fined £150 at Kirk- caldy Sheriff Court, Fife, terday after admitting dis- arging oil into the Firth of rth on April 11.

Courts 'should match jail terms to space available'

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Judges were accused of an intolerable attitude towards prison overcrowding last night by Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, chairman of the Howard League for Penal Reform.

He told the Salisbury branch of the league: "Judges, when told of the overcrowding in prisons, defend their practices by demanding that the Government must provide the extra space to accommodate whomever the courts deem it right should be imprisoned.

"That is an intolerable attitude from responsible citizens who are functioning not in isolation but as partners in the penal system".

Recent expenditure cuts had entailed a decision to close the prison-building programme. Hence whatever the courts might decree, the executive could not and would not deliver the goods.

Mr Blom-Cooper supports a recommendation by the Commons Expenditure Committee that courts should be kept informed of the amount of space available in prisons. An attempt should be made to educate courts to use imprisonment more sparingly than in the recent past, he said.

He also criticized a lack of whole-hearted cooperation between magistrates and social service departments over the handling of juveniles.

"Although individuals have been able to work together, the prospect of producing harmony between the magistracy and social work profession appears remote. The way forward would therefore appear to be to decide that the criminal jurisdiction is not apt for children".

He suggested instead that treatment of children in trouble should be modelled on the Scottish method. "Even if the system of adjudicating panels does not work much better in practice, the sifting process of the reporter (usually a lawyer), who decides whether the child should be referred onwards to the panel or diverted from any state system of intervention, is worthy of replication south of the border".

Discipline there must be, he said. "But juvenile courts, significant innovations in 1908, have advanced the cause of reform as far as they can; their days are over".

Tenants outside London 'could face higher rents'

By Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

Council tenants outside London may face higher rents if the Government's proposals for a new housing subsidy system are implemented, the Centre for Environmental Studies says in its latest review.

The effect of the system, put forward in the Government's Housing Policy Review Green Paper last year, would be to reduce the subsidy to local authorities from the Exchequer by £93m to £1,425m in five years and by £190m in 1987-88.

One of the requirements of the new system would be to help the areas of high need, and Miss Eileen Howes, a researcher, states that if need is equated with high cost, then the inner London boroughs are the most needy type of authority.

She estimates that the £190m saving will be made up of £120m from the non-metropolitan districts, £62m from the metropolitan districts, £8m from outer London boroughs, and nothing from the inner London boroughs.

They would still have the same proportion of their costs covered by Exchequer subsidy, but as total subsidy was reduced they would be doing a lot better than other authorities.

Over the next decade, higher costs would be financed mainly by increased subsidy, but districts outside inner London would face additional costs.

The Green Paper sought a system that would reduce the Exchequer subsidy, redistribute subsidy to "needy" areas and be seen to be fair to tenant, ratepayers and taxpayers. Miss Howes concludes that if the first two aims are fulfilled, then someone has to pay. The ratepayer and taxpayer should not be required to foot the bill.

CES Review 4 (Review Publications, 62 Chandos Place, London WC2N 4HH; £5 to institutions, £3.50 to individuals).

Bus crews strike

Thousands of people had to walk to and from work in Grimsby and Cleethorpes yesterday when the towns' bus crews went on strike over several grievances. The stoppage is likely to continue until at least tomorrow.

Vider treatment of alcoholism urged

om John Charnes
verpool

Many of those who advise d treat alcoholics are guilty stereotyping their patients d clients and of using stereo- ed treatment that can pro- ce only limited results.

That accusation is made lay in the annual report of e Merseyside, Lancashire and eshire Council on Alcoholism, e of the first voluntary bodies this field of growing con- rn, and recognized as original d liberal in its approach.

In some contrast to the ndard theory that the only y an alcoholic can be cured is for him to stop drinking permanently, the council report says that there is scientific evidence to show that some people who have suffered to a certain degree from alcoholism do return to moderate, harmless drinking.

Mr Bill Kenyon, director of the council, says that a main object of the 1978 report is to suggest a wider variety of treatments, to stop the stereotyping by those who treat alcoholics and by the public.

The report includes a "league table" of the strengths of various alcoholic drinks. Mr Kenyon adds that it is impossible to advise anyone, other than in general terms, what is a safe amount of alcohol to consume.

The report contains statistics that reinforce the general theory that alcoholism is increasing in Britain. It says that four years ago the council suggested that there could be three-quarters of a million alcoholics in the United Kingdom.

This year's report says: "All the evidence available leads us to believe that in Great Britain we are faced with the greatest medico-social problem, if not of all time, most certainly since the turn of the century, in terms of alcohol-related problems, alcohol-related disabilities, and alcoholism."

You could be eligible for £50 off insulating your loft

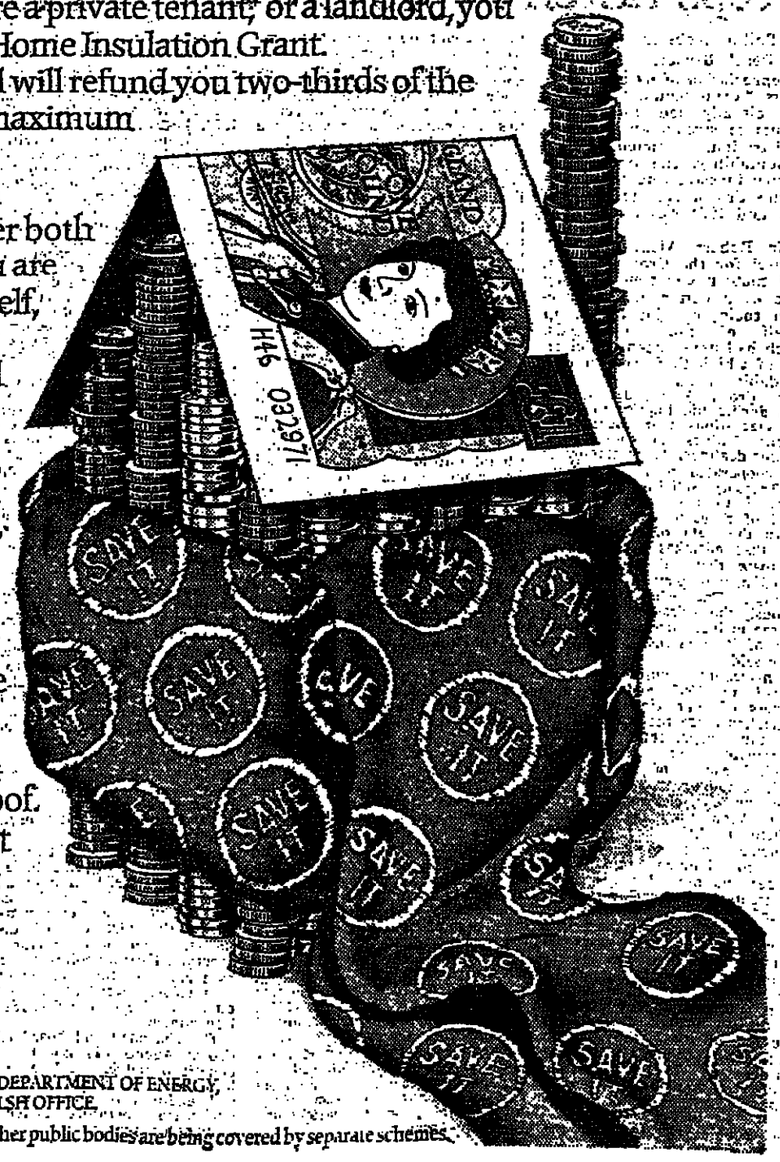
If you own your own home, are a private tenant,* or a landlord, you may be eligible for a Government Home Insulation Grant.

This means your local council will refund you two-thirds of the cost of insulating your loft up to a maximum grant of £50.

This new grant, effective from September 18th, is designed to cover both materials and labour costs, so if you are unable to carry out the work yourself, you can get a contractor to do it for you. The grant also covers tank and pipe lagging.

To qualify for grant you must get prior approval from your local council. So before you do anything, contact your local council office and ask for a Home Insulation Grant booklet and application form. Study them carefully, because for example, the grant does not apply if you already have some loft insulation or you have only a flat roof.

Don't delay. Insulation can not only reduce your heating costs this winter, it can also keep you warm at the same time.



ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, THE SCOTTISH DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE WELSH OFFICE

*Tenants of local authorities, housing associations and certain other public bodies are being covered by separate schemes.

HOME NEWS

Dealer wins appeal against VAT on auction premium

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

The buyer's premium introduced at Sotheby's and Christie's auctions three years ago, to the accompaniment of loud protests by art dealers, appears to have been wrongly taxed for the whole of its unpopular existence, judging by the finding of a value-added tax tribunal. It has been considering an appeal by Mr Jocelyn Fielding, a picture dealer.

While the ruling applies only to the VAT *paid by Mr Fielding*, the principle established by it is likely to affect the tax position of all dealers who sell through auctions.

The premium is 10 per cent on top of the auction price and all buyers are required to pay it. When the seller is a private person, not registered for VAT, neither auctioneer nor seller is charged VAT, although the auctioneer charges the seller VAT on selling commission and any other expenses incurred.

When a dealer registered for VAT is selling, however, he has hitherto been liable to VAT on the price he received, commission, other expenses and premium. Against that he is allowed to charge various inputs so that he ends up in effect paying VAT only on his own profit margin and the auctioneer's buyer's premium.

It was the requirement that he, as a seller, should pay VAT on the auctioneer's buyer's premium, a sum for which he received no contractual service and never saw, that led Mr Fielding to discuss the matter with a VAT inspector. The inspector could see no reason why Mr Fielding should pay it and undertook to check with his superiors.

He came back to say that the payment was required. Mr Fielding then paid the VAT bill but proceeded to appeal against the assessment. The VAT tribunal met to hear his appeal in June and this month *decided in Mr Fielding's favour.*

The tax treatment of auction premium appears to have been anomalous. Whereas the "selling price" for VAT purposes has been defined as the hammer price and premium, the "selling price" for capital gains tax purposes has been defined as the hammer price alone.

That has been advantageous to the auctioneers, since they can assure their private clients that the buyer's premium in no way affects their tax position. It makes the imposition of premium greatly preferable from the auctioneer's point of view to an increased selling commission which is fully taxabe on both counts.

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Man in the news: An American who will run a British institution

Penguin seeks remedy for flagging profits

By Ion Trewin
Literary Editor

Penguin, the name synonymous with British paperback publishing, yesterday confirmed Mr Peter Mayer, an American, as its new chief executive. The appointment, predicted in *The Times* on Monday, will be a tonic to a firm whose financial performance last year failed to match the diversity and quality of its output.

Mr Mayer, who is 42, has a high reputation as a publisher *in the United States* after 13 years with Avon Books, which he turned from a minor subsidiary of the Hearst Corporation with a turnover of $3m (about £1.5m) a year to one of the largest paperback imprints in the country with an annual turnover of $38m.

More recently he ran Pocket Books, the paperback arm of Simon and Schuster, the New York publishers.

The idea of an American in charge of Penguin, where *quality and range of titles has* always been the watchword, may raise more than a few hackles. But Mr Mayer's background and achievements should reassure the sceptics.

He was born in Hampstead, north London, and his family emigrated to the United States on the outbreak of the Second World War. He knows England well, having spent two years in the mid-1950s reading PPE at Christ Church, Oxford.

Mr Mayer is not overawed by the status that Penguin, as a British institution, enjoys. Although he wants to preserve what is best, not least in the type and range of books published, he also believes that he *is less ideological about* what should or should not be a Penguin.

"I am always worried by the 'institution' tag", he said yesterday. "It sounds something grand, but also perhaps not as vital as it might. I want Penguin to be vital. A publishing house that does not produce surprises, that does not take risks occasionally, lacks something."

Mr Mayer does not want to change Penguin dramatically, but he will wish to see an improvement in the company's financial results. While turnover in 1976 and 1977 stayed *about the same at £18.5m* profits before tax fell by half from £2.7m to £1.4m.

"I want the company to grow, but I want it to grow profitably, although I believe that profit should never be the prime reason for publishing", he said.



Mr Mayer: "Profit not the main reason for publishing".

"First and foremost we must publish books that we think should be published. Profit should be the by-product. But our responsibility does not end there. We have also got to go out and sell books. People must read what we publish, otherwise what is the point of doing it?"

At Avon Mr Mayer's authors included Patrick White, Thornton Wilder, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Saul Bellow and Heinrich Böll, all, as it happens, *published in Britain by Penguin.* He bought Richard Adams's *Watership Down* for publication in the United States before it had achieved mass success in Britain on the Penguin list.

He is the author of a book, *and has done several* translations from French and German. With his father he runs a small publishing house called Overlook Books, which specializes in the visual arts and poetry.

He hopes to develop the lighter side of the Penguin list. "Not everything has to be self-consciously noble", he says. "People read books to relax, not just to learn. All I ask is that whatever we publish should be good of its kind."

Mr Mayer takes up his *appointment on October 1*, although he does not expect to be based in Britain until early November. As chief executive he will link Penguin in Britain and Viking-Penguin in the United States.

Mr E. J. B. Rose, Penguin's chairman, also confirmed yesterday that Mr Thomas Guinzburg, president of Viking-Penguin, has resigned and will be succeeded by Mr Irving Goodman, hitherto the senior publisher at Holt, Reinhart and Winston.

WEST EUROPE

Britain faces fish war on two fronts with Ireland and Denmark

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Sept 26

The threat of an Anglo-Irish "herring war" emerged here today after Mr Brian Lenihan, the Irish Fisheries Minister, advised his country's fishermen to ignore a ban on herring catches in the British sector of the Irish Sea.

The ban was introduced by the Government last Sunday. Mr John Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, argues that without it the survival of the stock would be endangered. He says his view is supported by scientific evidence.

Mr Lenihan contends that Irish fishermen have not yet exhausted the catch quota of 2,146 tonnes which they were allocated under proposals *agreed by all EEC states except* Britain earlier in the year. They are entitled to fish another 400 to 500 tonnes, he says.

Mr Silkin argues that the quota allocation was unjustified by the state of the stock. He also claims that last year the Irish outfished their herring quota three times over.

Britain is also under fire from Denmark. Mr Svend Jakobsen, the Danish Fisheries Minister, today met Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the EEC Commissioner for Agriculture, to demand legal action against Britain if it extended the area covered by the ban on Norway pout fishing.

At its weekly meeting tomorrow, the European Commission is expected to take a final decision on the acceptabil the pout ban and unilateral British conser measures. This could le Britain's being taken befo European Court of Justice

Britain has announced t will extend the ban on *fishing over an area* res up to 180 miles from the east coast of Scotland October 1 until next *The purpose of the ban* protect immature haddoc whiting which are unavo scooped up by the small nets used for catching po

Widening the area c by the ban, Mr Silkin will increase North Sea of haddock and whiting per cent and 50 per respectively.

For their part, the Dan that they were allocated quota of 230,000 tonnes have so far caught only tonnes. A large animal industry in Denmark is d ent on the pout catch, an likely that Danish fish will defy a British extens the ban.

Madrid, Sept 26.— Marcelino Oreja, the S *Foreign Minister, said toc* hoped Britain would joi rest of the European munity in granting S fishermen more licence fish in EEC waters.

He was commenting radio programme on opposition to increasing number of licences gran Spanish fishermen from 240.—Reuter.

In brief

'Toss coin over TV world sport'

The governors of the BBC are to consider a suggestion by Lady Plowden, chairman of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, that the two organizations should toss a coin to decide which would cover the 1980 Olympics and the 1982 World Cup.

In a letter to Sir Michael Swann, chairman of the BBC, Lady Plowden says she wants "not simply to help us over the Moscow games, but to put an end to the arguments which have gone on between us over major sporting events and which neither serve the public interest nor raise our reputation".

Penalties for football thugs

Football hooligans should be sent to attendance centres to be put "through their physical paces on a Saturday afternoon", Mr William Whitelaw, opposition spokesman on home affairs, said last night.

Mr Whitelaw, who was speaking at Consett, Durham, said: "I would encourage the wider use of attendance centres, at senior as well as junior level, to invade the leisure time of football hooligans".

Mountbatten portrait

John Gilroy has presented his portrait of Admiral of the Fleet Lord Mountbatten of Burma to the Royal Marines, of whom Lord Mountbatten is life Colonel-Commandant. It will be hung in *the Royal Marines' Museum*, at Eastney, Southsea.

Death in the park

An unemployed man aged 35 killed himself with a sawnoff shotgun in Finsbury Park, north London, yesterday.

Former council official freed by Appeal Court

Arthur Lambert, aged 51, of Ashfield Street, Skegby, near Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, a former Mansfield District Council official, who had served 11 months of a sentence of two years' imprisonment imposed on him at Nottingham Crown Court on October 31 last for living on immoral earnings of his wife, was freed yesterday by the Court of Appeal.

Lord Justice Lawton said that although his conduct was reprehensible and criminal, it did not justify a two-year sentence.

Audley End

Audley End will stay open daily until Sunday, October 29, instead of closing on October 8, as previously announced.

The house will not be open (including weekends) for this winter season (November 5 to April 1) because of rearrangement of the principal contents. It will reopen to the public (daily) before Easter.

Scheme to aid deprived youngsters

Mr T. Dan Smith, jailed for his part in the Poulson affair, announced a scheme yesterday to stop youngsters from drifting into crime. The project will set up street corner sports grounds and "art dens" and involve personalities such as Brian Clough and Lord George-Brown.

It has been launched by the New Direction Project, which is working alongside the Howard League for Penal Reform.

Mr Smith, former chairman of the Northern Economic Planning Council, who has been working with the Howard League since his release from prison, is director. "The idea is to provide sports facilities for young people in deprived areas", he said.

"The relationship between unemployment and delinquency means that the latter is going to get worse unless something is done.

"To get the sports aspect off the ground we are looking for £100,000 and we shall need substantial backing for the arts *side.*"

Widgery warning on bail in murder cases

Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice, yesterday warned magistrates not to be infected by the idea of giving bail in murder cases.

He was commenting on a Birmingham case where a man accused of murder after a football match was released on bail.

Lord Widgery was speaking at the opening of a £1,250,000 magistrates' court building in Luton.

He said "As you will realize, someone accused of murder in Birmingham has been released on bail. I am not for a moment criticizing that. There may be every good reason in the world for thinking that was sensible and just.

"But I do not want all your carefully contrived ideas to be thrown overboard. In future they will say, 'Oh, in Birmingham they get bail on a murder charge.' Next time they will be saying 'Oh, in Birmingham you must get bail.'

"I do particularly ask you not to be infected by ideas of that kind.

Mr Cedric Griggs, chairman of Luton magistrates, who welcomed Lord Widgery to the town, heard his criticism of bail for defendants on murder charges. He pointed out later that two people facing murder *charges at Luton had recently* been bailed.

Mr William McCleod, aged 63, was charged with murdering his son. He was bailed on condition that he lived at a mental hospital.

On Monday, at St Albans Crown Court, the prosecution accepted his plea of guilty to manslaughter and he was put on probation for two years with the condition that he remains in hospital.

In another case Mrs Simone Mawson, aged 42, of Dunstable, Bedfordshire, faced a charge of *murdering her lover.* Luton magistrates refused bail. She appealed to a judge in chambers and the magistrates were ordered to release her with sureties to await her trial. She was acquitted of murder by a jury at St Albans Crown Court.

Laker's new Skytrain takes off

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

Laker Airways began its second Skytrain cheap-fare service yesterday with Sir Freddie Laker, the airlines chairman, *brushing aside the fact that only* 175 of the 345 seats on the flight to Los Angeles from London were filled.

Sir Freddie, who boarded the flight a few hours after returning to Britain from New York, said: "I wanted it this way. I did not want to have the situation we saw in the summer, where people had to queue far *too long to cross the North* Atlantic.

"If early flights on the new Skytrain are full, it might put people off."

Passengers went on board the Skytrain at Gatwick airport to the strains of a band playing "California, here we come". Passengers paid £84 for the single journey and the return leg will cost £110.

The first ticket was sold by Sir Freddie to Mr Paul Lacroix, a Briton. About thirty people formed a queue at Gatwick in the small hours of the morning when booking started, and a further 20 tickets were sold in the first hour at the Laker terminal at Victoria, London.

It was a contrast to the *scenes at the airport 12 months* ago, when people queued for three days for a seat on the first Skytrain flight from Gatwick to New York.

Spain to promote military officers on merit

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, Sept 26

The Defence Ministry is taking steps to "rejuvenate and streamline the top-heavy Spanish armed forces, it was *announced here.*

The ministry named the Army chief of manpower, Lieutenant-General Luis Gómez Hortigüela, as president of a *five-man commision* to make recommendations within the next three months on how to "rejuvenate" and "professionalize" the officer corps.

The decision to alter the present rigid automatic promotion regulations, is expected to be greeted with satisfaction by eager young professional men in the armed forces, but with misgivings by many field-grade officers who fear that it could *keep them from being promoted* to the rank of general or admiral.

The independent Madrid *daily El Pais* referred to the operation as "one of the most far-reaching measures affecting the current structural pattern of the armed fo

The commission's job, ing to the official bulletin, will be to dev plan allowing automatic tion only up to a certain —for instance, to that of as in the British Army making promotional beyond that highly sel As another example, se criteria play an importan in promotions for eveo pany-grade officers in *American armed forces.*

Automatic promotion as practised throughou years of Franco's rule, l Spanish armed forces w officer corps whose a age by rank is among the in the world, and it ha duced an excess of gener flag officers.

The commission's tasl *include making recomm* tions regarding the prop of officers to enlisted m various organizational the establishment of ag age brackets for each ran the development of promo selection criteria.

Foreign Bar candidates 'must absorb British way of life'

By Annabel Ferriman

Foreign graduates are required to study a year longer for the Bar than United Kingdom graduates because they need to gain a knowledge of the British way of life, the Council of Legal Education told an industrial tribunal in London yesterday.

The council was justifying its rule that only graduates of *United Kingdom and Irish* universities could complete the academic stage of training for the Bar in a one-year course at City University and that graduates of foreign universities had to take a two-year course at the Polytechnic of Central London.

Mrs Joan Bohon-Mitchell, aged 29, an American citizen and an *English* literature graduate of Columbia University, New York, alleged at the tribunal that her exclusion from the City University course was indirect discrimination against a foreigner and illegal under the Race Relations Act, 1976.

Mrs Bohon-Mitchell, who is married to a British doctor and lives in Banbury Road, Oxford, maintained that she could reach *the required standard in law in* one year because she had already passed two papers of a London University external law degree.

Mr Charles Morrison, QC, the council's Dean of Faculty, defended the council's rules and explained their historical context. He said the council wanted to make the Bar an all-graduate profession but provision had to be made for graduates who did not have law degrees.

Consequently training for the Bar had been divided into two stages: the academic stage and the *vocational stage. British and* Irish law graduates and some overseas law graduates who had studied British law, were exempted from the academic stage and had to take only the one-year vocational course.

*For graduates with other de*grees two courses were available: a one-year course for United Kingdom and Irish graduates and a two-year course for overseas graduates. The reason for the distinction was that graduates from abroad would not have a basic knowledge of British society.

For example, they would not appreciate some of the aspects of history which come so often into English law, in land law, constitutional law, case law and even other subjects.

"The work of a barrister is *not just a matter of knowing* the law but also of practising it in its social, economic and political context. A barrister has to act as a representative for all kinds of people from all walks of life."

Mr Michael Pearn, an occupational psychologist and deputy director of the Runnymede Trust, an expert witness for Mrs Bohon-Mitchell, said that a test could easily be devised to assess which overseas graduate had an understanding of the British way of life and which had not.

The hearing was adjourned until today.

Fur company is pleased with move to Wales

By a Staff Reporter

A *fur manufacturing com*pany that until recently relied on skilled workers in small workshops in the East End of London has declared a success its decision to set up what is claimed to be the first and only purpose-built fur manufacturing factory in the Welsh valleys.

Europa Fur Manufacturers, a member of the London-based *Europa group of companies*, opened the £250,000 factory on a new industrial estate in the Tredegar Valley 18 months ago, employing and training, among others, former steel workers made redundant from the Ebbw *Vale steelworks near by.*

The factory employs 40 people operating the latest machinery, mostly imported from West Germany. Three training schemes operate in close cooperation with the factory and 20 former steelworkers are undergoing a year's training.

The Europa group was formed by Mr Terry Cohn and Mr David Lustig, who had decided they should establish a manufacturing plant to end the need to send furs abroad or to small London workshops for the semi-manufactured for garments they deal in.

Apart from the fur craftsmen's training school, the factory has a work-experience programme for 12 school-leavers conducted with the Manpower Services Commission and a further two-year training scheme for machinists arranged with the Industrial Training Board.

Mr Cohn said: "The business is expanding all the time since we moved to Wales. We use the latest machinery in a factory designed for the fur industry, but first we had to look all over Britain and Ireland to find the right place."

The factory's new workers, after proper training, had adapted with keenness to their new skills and were anxious to prove that a new industry could thrive in an area of high unemployment. Most of the factory's output was sold abroad and the export business ran into several million pounds.

Bonn politicians cleared of spy suspicion

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn, Sept 26

The Federal Prosecutor today formally cleared two Social Democrats of suspicion of spying for Romania.

Dr Kurt Rebmann announced that no basis for suspicion had been found against Herr Uwe Holtz, a member of parliament and Herr Joachim Broudré-Gröger, personal assistant to Herr Egon Bahr, the party manager. Investigations against them and three lesser, unnamed figures have been dropped, he said.

The investigations had been started on the basis of somewhat vague and unsubstanciated statements made by Lieutenant-General Ion Pacepa, the deputy chief of the Romanian secret service.

Today's step appears to confirm suspicions by West German security men that agents in the Romanian Embassy in Bonn had claimed to their superiors that normal, friendly contacts with the two men were something much more conspiratorial.

Dr Rebmann's unusual move amounted to a public rehabilitation which the Social Democrats had been demanding.

The premature leaks of the investigations in the right-wing press, and their embellishment with stories of an alleged plan by Herr Bahr for West Germany to leave Nato had provided welcome ammunition for the Opposition Christian Democrats

Portugal tries forget name of Dr Salazar

From Our Correspondent
Lisbon, Sept 26

The Salazar Foundatior biggest public charity ex in the name of the late guese dictator, has been d up among state charities is the latest in a seri official acts eliminating name of Dr Salazar Portugal's public life.

The Salazar bridge ov river Tagus at Lisbon. *the 25th of April Bridge* date of the 1974 revo which ousted his succ regime). Salazar's statue home town was blown u destroyed.

One last monument re to honour him. It is the statue of Christ the Ki the Tagus in Lisbon, bu Portuguese Catholics in tude for Salazar's keepin tugal out of the war.

King Baudoui visits Spain

Madrid, Sept 26. Baudouin of the Belgia Queen Fabiola today their first official visit to signalling full Belgian a for Spanish democratic d ment.

M Henri Simonet, the I Foreign Minister, who panied the king and qu expected to discuss application to join the with his Spanish opposit ber.—Reuter.

Crown Agents tribunal hears of stronger administration, efficiency and accountability

Steps taken to prevent a repetition of previous mistakes

By Philip Webster
and Derek Barnett

Appreciation of past mistakes in its "own-account" dealings had already led the Crown Agents to strengthen their administration, efficiency and accountability, the tribunal of *inquiry investigating the losses* of the Crown Agents between 1967 and 1974 was told yesterday.

Mr Robert Alexander, QC, counsel for the Crown Agents, said that in consequence they were even better able to perform their traditional role on behalf of their principals, which had never been criticized *and of which they were* understandably proud.

The Crown Agents did not intend during the inquiry to resist *the suggestions that* there were serious failings to those own-account dealings. Their employees had cooperated to the full with the Treasury Solicitor and would continue to assist for any way asked of them to elicit facts.

"In the light of their acceptance that mistakes occurred, we anticipate that we shall have a limited part to play in these proceedings. The prime concern is obviously the welfare of the office and the maintenance and enhancement of its services", Mr Alexander said.

Own-account business commenced in 1967 and no new business of that kind had been undertaken since the end of 1974. "It thus represents a highly unfortunate but short and untypical aspect of their activities", he added.

The present chairman of the Crown Agents, on taking office *in October, 1974, had promptly* instructed independent accountants to inquire into their finances and draw the results to the attention of the Government. Thereafter they had not entered into any own-account activities except with ministerial approval to help to achieve an orderly withdrawal.

The Fay report of an earlier inquiry emphasized that throughout the period of their own-*account activities the Crown* Agents continued their traditional functions and that no criticism was directed at their management of specific portfolios for principals in that field.

The troubles affected only the own-account operation at a time when other institutions at least equally experienced had made misjudgments of a similar kind.

Mr Alexander said that in respect of the Australian activities a management report had been submitted and approved by the Treasury which accepted the possibility that a loss on those dealings might well be eliminated in due course.

The Crown Agents had so far lost no principals. Notwithstanding *the wide publicity attracted by the* misfortunes on their own account dealings they had new principals and had increased the financial volume of their business in almost all traditional sectors.

Mr Alexander summarized the steps taken in the light of acknowledged past errors in own-account dealings.

Relationships with the Government had been clarified and defined. Directives issued by the Ministry of Overseas Development included a requirement that they should inform the minister of all important issues and consult before embarking on a new function.

Close contact was maintained with the ministry on matters of policy and at day-to-day working level. Similar contact was maintained with the Treasury, the Bank of England and the Exchequer and Audit Department.

The Government had indicated in a White Paper its continued support and its intention to confer upon the Crown Agents a formal legal and constitutional status by incorporating them. The Crown Agents welcomed those proposals and hoped for early implementation.

A proper board structure, including the appointment of part-time non-executive members, had been *established and senior* management had been strengthened. The board and senior management were provided with detailed accounting and financial information each month. There was careful monitoring of performance against forecast and strict internal controls over banking activities.

The board had adopted a policy based on the Industry Act, 1975, for the disclosure of members' *outside interests and the rules* governing private investment by staff were carefully followed. Independent professional advisors and consultants on accounting, banking and property matters had been appointed.

The highest importance was attached to compliance with exchange control regulations.

Mr John Rankin, QC, representing Sir Claude Hayes, chairman of the Crown Agents from 1963 to 1974, said that the Fay committee had made a number of criticisms of Sir Claude's discharge of his responsibilities in relation to the Crown Agents' "own-account" banking operations.

Sir Claude wished to emphasize that the allegations made against him in the present proceedings were essentially a repetition of the Fay committee's criticisms. No question was raised as far as he was concerned, which had not already been the subject of investigation by the Fay committee.

Sir Claude wished it to be said that he did not shirk his responsibility as senior Crown Agent during the time under review. He fully accepted it.

Mr Rankin went on: "But the unhappy history of the Crown Agents' banking operations on own account must be seen from a viewpoint which allows full appreciation of Sir Claude Hayes's role as senior Crown Agent and, second, of the part played by other persons and organizations, not least government departments."

Before Sir Claude took over as chairman, the Crown Agents had adopted a policy aimed at securing their survival as an organization and the continuance of their valuable services to developing countries, of looking to all departments, and in particular the finance department, to increase their profitability. That was the inception of own-account activities.

"What blighted this enterprise on the part of the finance department was the lack of a proper management structure at the top of the Crown Agents' organization", he said.

Sir Claude had sought to achieve a structure that would have permitted the introduction of a city man on to the ladder of responsibility below the chairman but above the directors of departments. No such structure was sanctioned or appointment made as a result of the decision of the responsible ministers, apparently on the advice of the Civil Service Department.

The chairman and board of the Crown Agents did not have the benefit of advice such as would have been provided by commercial auditors to any commercial enterprise operating under the Companies Act.

The years 1973-74, when the greatest losses occurred, formed a period in which the general financial euphoria of the preceding year evaporated. The Crown Agents were not alone in suffering *heavy losses from the collapse of* the property market and its financiers, the secondary banking system.

"The losses now attributed to the Crown Agents substantially reflect their ready response to what may euphemistically be called encouragement from the Bank of England to join its support operations."

Mr Rankin said that the principal allegations against Sir Claude *all involved questions* of degree and judgment. There was nothing easier than to be wise after the event.

"As Sir Claude Hayes observed in the course of giving evidence to the Fay committee, the number of people in the City who foresaw the property disaster and did not reveal the fact until afterwards would fill the Albert Hall", he concluded.

Sir Stephen Luke, a former *chairman of the Crown Agents*, was the first witness to give evidence to the tribunal.

Senior Crown Agent from 1959 to 1968, he said the Crown Agents faced special difficulties in matching revenue to expenditure. A large part of their costs were beyond their control, as their staff were employed on Civil Service terms.

Unlike a commercial organization, the Crown Agents could not *choose what business to handle.* They must fulfil any request, however trivial or unprofitable.

In the years 1966-68 Crown Agents had two equally important objectives. They were the basing of the office on a sound financial basis and provision of a more efficient and more extensive range *of services.*

Determined efforts were made to improve the office organization and procedures. Management consultants were called in and *first steps* taken towards computerization. Efforts were made, encouraged by the Board of Trade, to recruit more principals.

Maintaining effective supervision for the varied activities constantly preoccupied Crown Agents through his period of office. By the mid-1960s they had 1,700 staff an d15 or more departments. Each day they carried out many transactions in disparate fields of activity.

Asked how long he spent abroad in an average year, he said it would have been certainly not less than a total of two months. He added that he regarded the assistant Crown Agents as his deputies.

Sir Stephen was asked about government supervision. He said he thought it was clear that ministers had power to give the Crown Agents instructions on the *handling of their own finances*, but not on the handling of the finances of their principals. He did not think a minister would *have intervened dictatorily*, but he would have regarded it as quite open to a minister to intervene in the administration of financial policy concerning Crown Agents' charges and other means of raising revenue. He was referring to charges for their services rather than investing their funds.

Mr Martin Nourse, QC, for the tribunal, put it to Sir Stephen that it might be suggested that by the beginning of 1967 the Crown Agents' board had created a climate within the office that led to things such as the start of Fivvest.

Sir Stephen replied: "I would not have thought that would be a fair criticism of the atmosphere *generated by the board. I thought* we combined a determination to get our finances on a sound foundation with improving the the organization of the office and facilities it provided in such a way as to meet the new needs of the newly independent countries.

"Nothing in that could be criticized as generating a sudden atmosphere of carelessness, excessive extravagance or irresponsibility."

Mr Nourse said his suggestion did not go as far as that, but it might be suggested that the board had created a climate where things went much farther than they had intended.

Sir Stephen replied: "I would accept that the board had probably generated an atmosphere where people were being encouraged to produce new ideas and develop new forms of activity within the office and that this perhaps could, with hindsight, be seen to have been rather excessive.

"Nothing we were doing or *had done was other than endorsed* by the management consultants' report, which said, more or less that we had to do what we were *doing.*"

The inquiry will resume today.

Actor's killer jailed for life

Anthony Patrick Wright, aged 28, a general dealer, was sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday for the murder of MichaelHolden, the actor.

Mr Wright, of Warner Road, Camberwell, London, hit Mr Holden on the head with a soda syphon, the Central Criminal Court was told. He had pleaded not guilty.

Italian kidnappers seize thirtieth victim this year

Rome, Sept 26.—Kidnappers seized their thirtieth victim in Italy this year when two masked bandits abducted Signor *Gaetano Manzoni, a businessman*, near Florence, police reported today.

The bandits, one carrying a sub-machine gun, burst into Signor Manzoni's country home in Tavarnelle last night.

But elsewhere in Italy another kidnapping victim escaped. In Perugia, Mr George Phellas, a Greek Cypriot medical student, said a man and a woman had forced him into a car but he broke free and jumped out of the vehicle. He was hurt and later treated in hospital.

In a night of violence in Italy, five bombs went off—three in the Rome area, one in Milan and one in the northeas of Saronno.

In Saronno, a policem injured when a bomb ex under a car only five yar the entrance to a police

In the Rome suburb of bomb badly damaged a rant. At the nearby beach of Ostia, a bomb went side a hotel but cause minor damage.

A third bomb exploded city outside the office of called the Italy-China *fascist Anti-imperialist C* tee, damaging some blin four cars parked nearb

In Milan, a bomb blew side an office of the S Party, damaging the doo dows and a van parked

Frau Speitel charged

Karlsruhe, Sept 26.—Frau *Angelika Speitel, the terrorist* suspect who was wounded in a gun battle with police on Sunday, has been charged here with the murder of a policeman.

Nuclear go-ahead

Oslo, Sept 26.—A Nor *Government committee* gaining the safety of power stations recomm that they should be b Norway, the Ministry of and Petroleum has annou

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Unrepentant M Barre promises ough action

om Charles Hargrove
aris, Sept 26

M. Raymond Barre has been othing if not consistent since took control of the French conomy two years ago. With combination of rock-like con-ction and sublime contempt the howls of protest from sides he has compelled to adapt to the challenges the modern world.

Sometimes, unlike most poli-cians, he seems actually to rive on unpopularity and to rive from it the confirmation at his is not only the right ourse to steer but the only e which makes any sense.

It was so again at the semi-r of the non-Gaullist parties' deration, the UDF, near Tou-n, yesterday and today. "If did everything I want to do, u would rend your clothes under, as in the Bible", he ld parliamentarians in a con-dential tone, as the heart of oulon was paralysed by sev-al thousand demonstrating dyard workers.

"I will not allow the Gov-nment's action to be under-ined or diverted. Grumbling, lverbial contestation, elec-al warning shots (a reference last Sunday's setbacks), ding traps, political guerril-s, or ambushes, impress me more now than they did the past", he warned them. "Those who see in my atti-de an obstinacy mingled with lf-satisfaction are totally mis-d. What is at stake is the ture of France. It is growing te and time is not working for

"I am conscious of the res-nsibilities I bear. It would easy for me to please in e short term, by sacrificing e medium and long term, but is the country that would ot the bill tomorrow. That is hy I shall stay on course. In e end, the country will judge, st as it did in March, 1978." France was a semi-developed untry economically and over-otected socially, he went on. We must adjust social bene-ts to our resources and not e other way round". In a untry which was a "maze of ivileges, populated by scrounn-rs", where agriculture was agile and industry tottered in hole sections, it was necessary reform in depth and not be tisfied with a kind of poli-al patchwork.

The strongest criticism which, admitted, could be levelled ainst him was that he was t ruthless enough: "I do not tend to ingratiate myself with e left or with the right."

He confessed that in two res-cts he had weakened. He re-etted that he had provoked a ndslide of the whole hierarchy wages by agreeing to the in-ease in the purchasing power the national minimum wage.

Speaking of industry, loaded wn with excess manpower, Barre said he would like e parliamentarians of the overnment majority to pro-se an amendment to the w of 1975 limiting employers' ghts to lay off staff.

If they could do so more sily, they would recruit more illingly. He wanted to reform e system of unemployment enefits.

He summed up the Govern-ent's objectives in a few key ords: security—Frenchmen ust feel protected; responsi-ility—employers must assume he burdens which were rightly heirs; stability of the economy, he institutions and the Franc; competitiveness—"We cannot eturn to protectionism and must fight"; unemployment—hich could not be solved by nostrums but by solutions in epth; social and fiscal justice: he organization of Europe.

"We want to create a modern rance in an organized urope", he added. "European onfederation is an ancient ope which we may achieve in coming years provided we are worthy of the challenge."

His comments on by-election esults in Paris and at Nancy were brutally frank. "French-nen said to themselves: We nade the right choice in March. The President of the Republic s firmly in the saddle. The Prime Minister is there, too. le's a pain in the neck, but as here is no reason why he should behave like a clot, then, his time, we will go fishing."

Danish rock landmark collapses in sea

From Our Correspondent
Copenhagen, Sept 26

Skarreklit—one of Denmark's best known landmarks and an impressive stack of limestone rock rising 48ft out of the Skagerrak off north-west Jut-land—has collapsed and almost disappeared into the sea.

Perhaps best compared to Old Harry in Swanage Bay, Skarreklit (Shag Rock) was a bleak, wind-swept breeding ground of shags, ravens, and kittiwakes.

According to an ancient legend, the top of the rock con-cealed a golden treasure trove, access to which could be had only on Midsummer Night's eve. An unfortunate treasure hunter attempting to scale the rock was attacked by a raven and fell to his death in the sea, the legend says.

As far as is known, Skarreklit was only climbed once, in 1965, by a group of five Swiss scouts.

Supersonic bill

Paris, Sept 26—A Paris tele-phone subscriber who com-plained of a 122,680 franc (£14,182) bill has been told that supersonic bangs by jet fighters over the area could have upset the exchange's cal-culations.

OVERSEAS

Tax-cutting likely to be big issue in US elections after surprise primary in Minnesota

From Patrick Brogan
Minneapolis, Sept 26

On the night of the Demo-cratic primaries here, two weeks ago, Mr. Robert Short, candidate for the Senate, went to bed a defeated man. The next morning, the local paper had a splash headline "Fraser beats our Short"—but the returns from the Minnesota state backwoods had already turned the tide.

Mr Short had lost Minne-apolis-St Paul disastrously and that should have meant the end of his political career. But the rest of the state, in a demonstration of dislike of the extreme liberalism of Congress-man Donald Fraser and the Democratic - Farmer - Labor (DFL) Party, had supported instead Bob Short, the anti-spending, anti-abortion, tax-cutting, anti-environmentalist.

It was a very nasty shock for Mr Fraser, the DFL and for liberals nationally. On the same night, the liberal Gover-nor of Massachusetts, Mr Michael Dukakis, was defeated in his primary and the possi-bility that this is a genuine national trend began to emerge.

Mr Short had his moment of glory. He was photographed holding up that unfortunate newspaper front page before a huge blow-up of Harry Truman, in memory of 1948 and the *Chicago Tribune's* error. The vanquished are now reluctantly coming out in his support, one at a time, and he is off running against the Republicans who hope to capture both Senate seats here and the governor-ship.

Mr Short is a self-made millionaire and says: "I won because I took a business atti-tude towards the problems." His election posters show an exasperated worker expostulat-ing "taxes, taxes, taxes. Enough is enough".

It is the tax issue that won him the nomination. Mr Short claims that he alone is a credi-able tax cutter because he admits that government spend-ing must be cut, too.

He believes that "the whole economic capitalist system of this country is in danger" and claims that people of ability can no longer start businesses and make a fortune the way he did.

Now the significant thing is that there is not much govern-ment waste in Minnesota. The state has an altogether admir-able system of government in which expenditure is closely related to needs and is care-fully controlled. Property taxes growth is restricted.

The dominant ethnic group here is Scandinavian and Min-nesota is a sort of Mid-Weste-ern Sweden with high taxes but a good return on every tax dollar. It is prosperous and has a liberal tradition in politics, personified by Hubert Hum-phrey, Eugene McCarthy and Walter Mondale. Now it is plunging off after a man whom his opponents call an ante-deluvian demagogue.

Mr Short calls it a revolt against wasteful spending. He says that there is a coalition of tax payers and tax consumers against the tax collectors.

If he gets to Washington, of course, Mr Short will have a hard time making his mark. Congress is carefully con-structed to keep young Turks quiet. Senator Edward Kennedy, for instance, who had unusual advantages, will at last become chairman of the judiciary committee next year, 16 years after entering the Senate. Until the last moment, the committee will remain firmly in the hands of that ancient reactionary, Senator James Eastland of Mississippi.

Mr Short wants to do every-thing at once, beginning with a freeze on appointments to the civil service. He claims that the bureaucracy has usurped government from the people's elected representatives and must be controlled. He thinks that balancing the budget would be easy—the Govern-ment must cut expenditure by $50,000m (25,000m) and stop printing more money than it raises. Taxes should be cut by $10,000m.

In Minnesota, anyone may vote in any primary he likes. Te Democrats were having by far the most interesting battle this year, so many Republicans joined in. Mr Short owes his victory to them—but his Repub-lican opponents in the general election expect them to return to the fold in November and elect a real Republican rather than a conservative Democrat to the Senate.

If he is to win, Mr Short must recapture most of the 25,000 people who voted for Mr Donald Fraser—and a number of them will certainly prefer the Republican, or abstain. The fact that he lost Minneapolis-St Paul by such a wide margin also suggests that this passion for lower taxes and less government is not universally shared in Minnesota.

However, it did carry Cali-fornia, New Jersey, Massa-chusetts and Minnesota and Re-publicans all over the country hope that it will prove the win-ning card this year. Mr Short, and indeed Jimmy Carter him-self in 1976, showed that Demo-crats can play that game, too, and November's results, there-fore, will have none of the beautiful simplicity of Republi-can aspirations.

The sum of it all is that there are local concerns everywhere which produce similar results for quite different reasons. Property taxes in California had gone up sharply although there was a large surplus in the bud-get, so people approved Pro-position Thirteen.

Certainly the Proposition Thirteen/tax cutting fever has not yet carried the whole United States nor overwhelmed all other issues. Mr Short would not have won on it alone. But it has proved a decisive factor in too many, too diverse places to be dismissed as a aggregation of dissimilar local preoccupa-tions.

Tax cutting, together with the nearly universal dislike of government often produces these remarkable results, which would not result from either one or the other alone. Mr Short—and Republicans—are clearly on to a good thing.

General Somoza accepts US mediation offer

Managua, Sept 26.—President Anastasio Somoza has accepted a United States offer to help bring him and his opponenst to the negotiating table to work out a peaceful solution to Nicaragua's political crisis.

President Carter's offer of assistance was relayed to Presi-dent Somoza by Mr William Jorden, the United States am-bassador to Panama, on Mon-day.

There was no immediate re-sponse from the broad opposition front, the coalition of pli-tical opponents of President Somoza which called earlier for mediation by Mexico, Colombia and the Dominican Republic to end the Somoza dynasty's 41-year rule.

President Somoza rejected that proposal in favour of direct negotiations.

Meanwhile, opponents of President Somoza in the busi-ness community are planning a tax boycott to force him to re-sign. The government is said to be in a difficult economic position and very low on cash reserves.—AP.

Air attack kills 10 Eritreans

Khartum, Sept 26.—Six Ethiopian MiG 21 aircraft de-molished the village of Anko-lesh, near the northern Eritrean city of Agordat.

Ten people were killed and 30 injured, mostly women and children, during raids last Saturday, the Sudan news agency reported today.—Agence France-Presse.

Chess rivals retrace path of old masters

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
Baguio, Philippines, Sept 26

In a lively struggle in the world championship today Anatoly Karpov and Viktor Korchnoi returned to a style of play that was highly fashionable 150 years ago.

Indeed some of the moves were so old that they struck onlookers not versed in nine-teenth century chess as out-right innovations.

[For a time, Reuter reports, play followed a path similar to *several games between* Howard Staunton and Bernard Horwitz in the very first formal interna-tional tournament in London in 1851.]

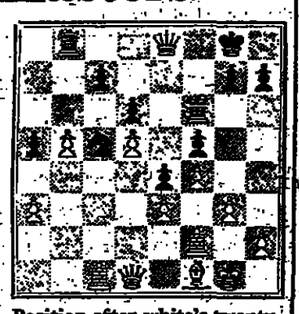
Karpov employed the English Opening as if convinced by his opponent's use of it that it was an excellent weapon of attack and Korchnoi replied with a sort of Dutch Defence.

Then, on move 12, Korchnoi enlivened the position with a dashing pawn advance. It gave him quite a lot of active play at the expense of weakening his Queen's bishop pawn. Karpov countered well but appeared to miss an opportunity of breaking through when he refrained from playing 22Kt-R4.

Almost immediately after-wards, on move 23, Korchnoi found a fine move which forced an early draw.

The reason why a draw was offered by Karpov who appeared to have an advantage in the ending seemed to me to lie in the continuation 28. R-B8 ch, R-B1 29. R-B6, R-B3 30. R-Q2, R-Kt6.

Note that in this line black must not play the obvious 29. RxP because of 30. R-QKt2,



Position after white's twenty-third move.

R-B3 31. R-Kt7, R-B2 32. R-B8 ch, R-B1 33. R(B8)-B7, when white wins. The score still stands at 4-2 for Karpov.

Twenty-sixth game. White Karpov, black Korchnoi. English Opening

1	P-QB4	P-K4
2	Kt-QB3	P-Q3
3	P-KKt3	P-KB4
4	B-Kt2	Kt-QB3
5	P-Q3	Kt-B3
6	P-K3	B-K2
7	KKt-K2	Q-Q
8	O-O	Q-K1
9	P-B4	B-Q1
10	P-QR3	R-Kt1
11	P-QKt4	B-K3
12	Kt-Q5	P-QKt4
13	B-Kt2	KtPxP
14	QPxP	P-Kt5
15	KtxKt ch	BxKt
16	BxB	RxB
17	R-B1	P-QR4
18	P-Kt5	Kt-Q1
19	R-KB2	Kt-Kt2
20	B-B1	Kt-B4
21	Kt-B3	B-B2
22	Kt-Q5	BxKt
23	PxB	Kt-Q6
24	BxKt	PxB
25	QxP	QxKtP
26	QxQ	RxQ
27	RxP	R-B2
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Tunisian trade union leader expected to attack regime if trial recess is not granted

Court becomes political arena

By Michael Coleman

Recent resignations of three senior officials of Tunisia's trade union federation will un-doubtedly have been welcome news to the lawyers defending Habib Achour, the deposed union leader, whose trial is due to resume before a state secur-ity court in Tunis tomorrow.

A 14-day recess was granted when the trial opened on Sep-tember 14 after the defence advocates, more than 70 of them, threatened to walk out unless given more time—they asked for two months—to study the 5,000-page indictment. It is likely that they will seek a fur-ther adjournment.

If this request for another recess is rejected and the trial proper begins, observers expect Mr Achour to make full use of the opportunity to attack the regime which, since independ-ence from France in 1956, has remained under the monolithic control of President Bourguiba atop the Destour Socialist Party. Few members of the Govern-ment can hope to emerge un-scathed from the protracted hearing.

As general secretary of the UGII, the trade union federa-tion encompassing all workers, Mr Achour called a general strike on January 26, the first in the country's history. Before the day was through a state of emergency had been declared and the Army brought in to crush the strike ruthlessly.

How many died could be an issue at the trial; the official figure is 51 and a Government Blue Book issued in June chal-lenged its detractors to prove otherwise. Hospital sources put the toll at 200 but this figure cannot be verified since records are reported to have been destroyed.

Widespread arrests of UGII officials followed. In the dock with Mr Achour will be 10 other members of the former 13-man executive and 19 less senior officials. They face the death penalty on three of the counts.

The state's case against Mr Achour and his colleagues is that his strike call was not to assert the UGII's autonomy in matters of workers' pay and conditions but the signal for a planned uprising.

The growing disquiet among Tunisians over the decision to press the charges against Mr Achour, despite the damaging consequences to the country's image abroad, is reflected by the resignation of three mem-bers of the new UGII executive. Only two of the Achour execu-tive were not arrested after Jeudi Noir (January 26) namely Mr Tijani Abid and Mr Bouslah Keredine.

At a hurriedly assembled con-gress of the UGII remnants on February 25, Mr Abid was elected General Secretary in place of Mr Achour, who was in prison, and a new executive appointed. This included Mr Bouslah, given responsibility for legal matters, Mr Mohsin Dridi, representing the Bizerta region, and Mr Belgacem Shimi for the Medaoui district.

All three resigned their posts on the day the Achour trial opened and they were joined by seven executive members of the National Federation of Building Workers. They gave as their reason lack of auto-nomy by the UGII saying that it was under the control of the DSP.

In an angry retort, Mr Abid reminded those who were resigning that whatever course the UGII was now on had been fixed with their agreement at the February congress.

After his 12 weeks absence in Paris, President Bourguiba has returned to Tunisia with his wife for a rather muted birth-day celebration at Monastir. He is 75.

Ignoring the known dis-pleasure expressed by Labour and Social Democratic leaders in Western Europe—M Men-des-France, for instance, pres-sed for an amnesty—Mr Bour-guiba seems determined to see Mr Achour removed from taking any active part in the manoeuvres over the succes-sion. Apparently he is demand-ing a 30-year sentence.

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Hyde Park: Sunday 1st Oct. 11,101 hearts will be linked to one ICL 1500 mini-computer.

A visit to Hyde Park on Sunday 1st October will reward you with the spectacle of 11,101 people of all ages, shapes and sizes jogging round a 4 Km course (2½ miles), for the benefit of their own health and other people's.

The event is The Sunday Times National Fun Run, organised with the assistance of ICL, Europe's leading computer company, in aid of the National Heart Foundation. All the participants in the Fun Run have made a donation to this important charity.

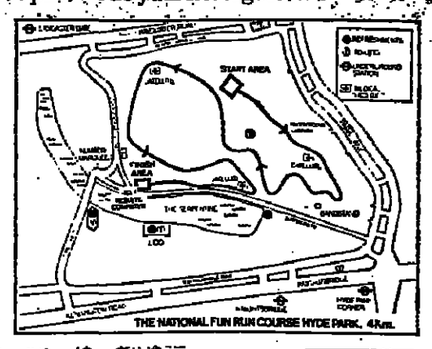
Of course, the Fun Run is *not* a race but recreation. Even so, in the most light-hearted way, there will be an element of competition.

The runners have entered as individuals and as members of over 1,000 different teams; two and three generation family teams, couples teams and groups of six to ten people from all types of businesses and clubs.

The placings in each class will be calculated by an ICL 1500 mini computer which can be seen in operation in its own weather proof tent in Hyde Park, close to the finish.

Results will be available shortly after the event. The best placings in the individual classes will be published in the Times 2nd October and the Evening Standard 3rd October. Team results will be published in The Sunday Times on 8th October.

So come along to Hyde Park on Sunday 1st October. Events will be run from 10.30 to 3.30 pm culminating in a mass jog by most runners at 4.30 pm. It'll do your heart good.



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Protests fail to shake Camp David majority in Knesset

From Michael Knipe
Jerusalem, Sept 26

Intense political discussions on the Camp David agreements continued in Israel today with extremist hardline elements resorting to a variety of public protest actions in a seemingly *vain attempt to have the accords* rejected.

The Knesset's debate on the issue is due to resume tomorrow and a solid majority in favour of accepting the accords and thus the need for the liquidation of the Jewish settlements in Sinai seems assured.

However, a group of 60 *families today symbolically* abandoned their settlement, Maale Edomin in the Judean Hills of the West Bank between Jerusalem and Jericho, and set out in convoy for the capital, claiming that the abandonment *of the Sinai settlements would* threaten their ability to continue living in peace and security on the West Bank. They are to return home in a few days' time.

Meanwhile a dozen former members of the Stern group—the most violent of the pre-state underground movement in the campaign against British mandate rule—held a press conference to state their opposition to the accords. They claimed to speak for 2,000 former members of the Stern group and expressed distress that Mr Begin, the Prime Minister—a man they said they had believed in, trusted and supported—should now be preparing to "give away to foreign rule part of the historic land of Israel".

There had been plans they said for a million Jewish settlers in *northern Sinai. Once* the area was handed over to Egypt they maintain, it would soon be packed with Egyptian settlers. And when that happened the security belt Israel had planned for itself in northern Sinai would be used against it.

The group said they would regard as illegal any measure preventing Jews from settling the land of Israel and they would fight it. The Stern group representatives—*mostly* elderly and grey-haired—said they would act alongside the Gush Emunim (faith bloc), the more youthful extremist movement which shares the belief that Jews have an inalienable right *to settle the whole* of Biblical Israel.

Gush Emunim activists today staged demonstrations at a meeting of the National Religious Party (NRP) which was convened to decide the party's attitude to the Camp David agreements. The NRP, the second largest party in the ruling coalition, draws considerable support both from zealots believing in the Land of Israel concept and from more moderate elements who favour compromise.

The party thus has a dilemma to resolve. Ten of its 12 Knesset members are believed to favour accepting the accords but Mr Yosef Burg, the party leader and Minister of the Interior, has called on the Prime Minister to give an undertaking that no major decision will be taken regarding the sovereignty of the West Bank without elections being held on the issue first. He has noted that the previous Alignment government gave the NRP such an undertaking.

Mr Begin today addressed the Knesset foreign affairs and security committee and attempted, apparently without much success, to win over the committee's more intransigent members. However, confident of a solid majority in favour of the accords drawn from the bulk of the coalition and the opposition Labour Party, the Prime Minister has decided to allow the coalition members to follow their own convictions when the vote is taken either tomorrow or on Thursday.

US disaster pilots were given crash warning

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles, Sept 26

Pilots of the Boeing airliner and the two-passenger Cessna which collided over San Diego, California, yesterday morning had been told that they were on a collision course, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration, Bruce Chambers, said in Los Angeles.

He said both pilots had acknowledged the *warning, but* there was no indication why they did not take evasive action to avoid the fiery mid-air crash that claimed at least 150 lives.

Today investigators sifted through the ruins of the worst air disaster in America's history. All 129 passengers on the Pacific Southwest Airlines' Boeing 727 and its seven crew were killed along with Mr David Boswell, the Cessna's trainee pilot, and Mr Martin Kazy, his instructor, and at least 12 people on the ground.

Officers said Mr Boswell reported he was flying on instruments with a student training hood over his eyes to focus his attention on the instruments, leaving the instructor responsible for observing other traffic.

As the investigation confirmed, a fresh controversy broke out over the safety of the airport, Lindberg Field, which for many years has been the centre of emotional debate, law suits and warnings of potential disaster.

Aircraft taking off and landing from the busy airport have a relatively short 9,400 ft runway and have to pass over heavily populated area and skyscrapers in the business centre of San Diego.

Those who live beneath the flight path and in districts around the airport have long fought for the airport to be relocated 8 in less populated areas.

"How many lives must be lost before we become rational about the location of the airport," Mr Pat Reckon, chairman of the group trying to move the airport out of the city, said after the disaster, and a stunned Mr Peter Wilson, the mayor, who toured the devastated housing area where *the Boeing crashed, said*: "We will be compelled to look at other sites (for an airport), but obviously there are other factors involved too. A light plane should not be in the same air space as a commercial airliner."

Pilots have often expressed concern about the fact that the approach to Lindberg is considerably steeper than at most airports.

Yesterday's accident happened as the Cessna was practising instrument approaches to the airport, Mr Irving Vodovoz, chief of the San Diego flight controllers, said. Its pilot, who was talking to the controllers at the same time, had been instructed to maintain visual flight rules, including a lookout for other air traffic.

Mr Vodovoz said the boeing had started its journey in Sacramento, made one stop in Los Angeles and had just completed its turn towards Lindberg as the pilot, who was also talking to the control tower, brought the jet into its final approach three miles east of the airport.

Eyewitnesses said the smaller aircraft struck the right wing of the airliner and then spun away as the Boeing's wing exploded into a ball of fire.

Robert Madonia, a 16-year-old boy who lives close by the flight path, said that as soon as the wing burst into flames the Boeing pilot pulled the nose up but the flames swept the entire wing and part of it fell off.

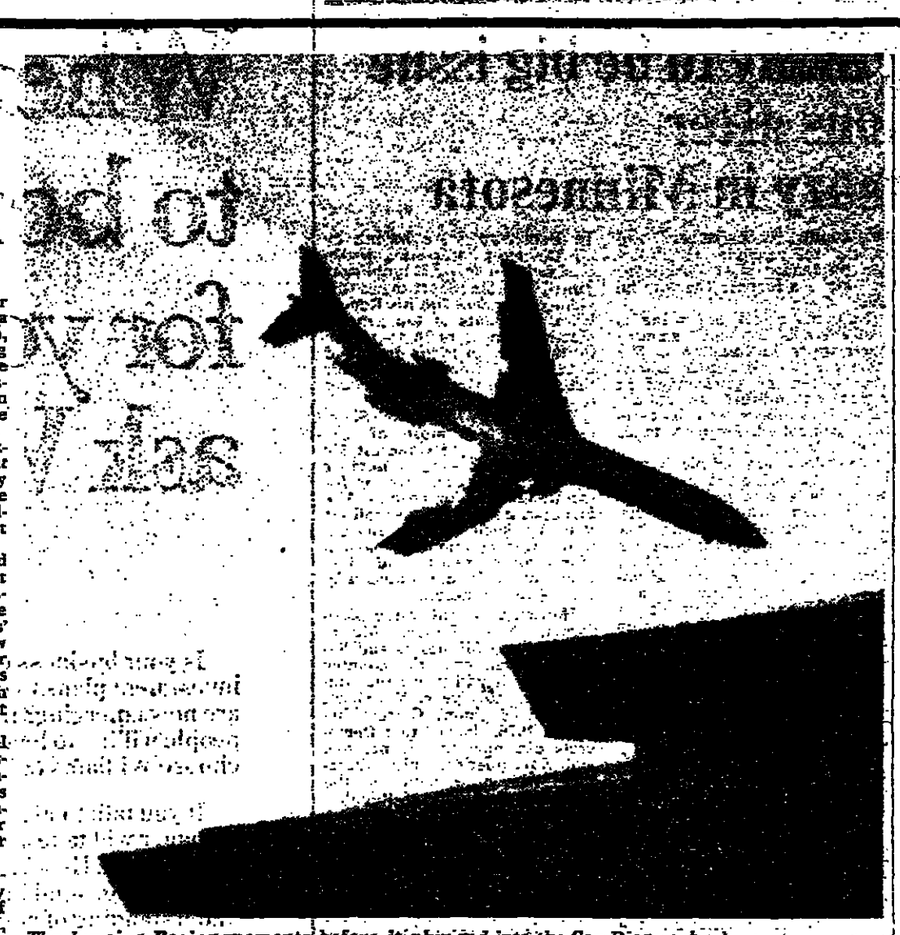
"The 727 suddenly screamed down towards the ground", he added. "The pilot tried desperately to keep her flying but it was useless. It looked like the Hindenberg."

Mr David Kumm saw the engine come off and then the aircraft plunge at a 60-degree angle. "It took only about five seconds from the time the engine came away to the time that it crashed", he said.

The district where the Boeing crashed was devastated by bits of flaming debris. Houses were obliterated and pieces of the jet were scattered for miles around. The worst areas looked as though they had been burnt by a giant blowtorch.

One mother driving along with her daughter said, "Suddenly there was a terrible crash and a body came flying in through my windscreen." She and her daughter were treated in a hospital for minor injuries and shock. Another resident said she could actually *see inside the jet as it* tumbled to the ground. "I could see the pilot and the co-pilot. It was like they were trying to pull the plane up. I just stood there and screamed."

Looting carrests: At least 22 people have been charged on suspicion of looting and impeding police officers at the crash scene.—AP.



The burning Boeing moments before it plunged into the San Diego suburb.

Envoy repeats Britis support for the Sha

From Tony Allaway
Teheran, Sept 26

Britain's Ambassador to Iran, Sir Anthony Parsons, today echoed Mr James Callaghan's full backing for the Shah in the political crisis here.

Making an impromptu speech *at the international trade fair* being held in north Teheran, Sir Anthony said the British Government had viewed the recent problems faced by the Iranian Government with concern.

He added: "My Government has been heartened by the determination which your Government has shown to maintain *the stability, security and pro*gress of Iran along the paths mapped out by the present monarchy.

"Iran is very important for my country. We wish your Government well in these tasks. We are sure that you will be successful."

Sir Anthony's speech came as a surprise to those who had expected him to concentrate, as is usual at such affairs, on trade matters. Sir Anthony, who was said to have met the Shah for talks at the weekend, was opening "British Day" in the British pavilion at the fair.

The speech was a sign of the British Government's concern over the uncertain situation in Iran. Many observers fear that the Government will have extreme difficulty in lifting the martial law imposed on 12 Iranian cities without risking further outbreaks of unrest. The Government, however, has *said it is confident that martial* law can end before the stipulated six months.

Another sign of British concern is that a Foreign Office official is visiting the country *at present to sound out the situation. One reason is* Britain's considerable trade with Iran, which Sir Anthony noted in his speech, is now worth about £2,000m.

Sir Anthony also indicated that the Queen still intended to visit Iran next year although doubts had been expressed about the visit.

The Shah today named a former Foreign Minister, Mr Ali Qoli Ardalan, as his Minister of Court. He repla Mr Amir Abbas Hoveyda resigned just over two we ago.

Mr Ardalan, aged previously served Ambassador to the Un States, the Soviet Union West Germany, and briefly h portfolios as Foreign Mini and Industries Minister in 1950s.

He has not been engage politics for over 10 years sources said this was important factor in his app ment to this quite powe post.

They added that the Shah anxious that Mr Hovey replacement should not l been involved in any way in politics leading to the re upheaval.

When his appointment confirmed, Mr Ard officially announced to Iran what the Shah had alr told them—that he had imp a code of conduct on mem of the royal family prohibi them from joining busi ventures or using t influences in business.

Our Geneva Correspon writes: The relief operation the Iranian Red Lion and Society at the earthqu ravaged town of Tabas, described as "an extraordin job" by Mr Jurg Vittani, di tor of relief supplies at League of Red Cross Societie

Mr Vattani, who reached town 48 hours after the ea quake, said that in 22 y with the Red Cross he never seen a more effec relief action. The Iranian made clear from the outset outside help was not requ and he did not believe that additional factor woul have duced the eath toll.

In Tabas an surrounding lages between 11,000 and 1 people had died out of 40,00 0population affected. least 1,000 people were b injured, most of them ha been evacuated by air wi hours to Meshad and Teh hospitals.

As a gesture of solidarity the Iranian National Soc the League will contribut the rebuilding of the 100 hospital in Tabas.

King Husain takes harder line on peace moves

Amman, Sept 26.—In his toughest comments so far on the Camp David agreements King Husain of Jordan said today that Washington had not come "anywhere near" his demands regarding a Middle East peace and that he and President Assad of Syria now saw eye-to-eye on most issues.

He was speaking at Amman airport after discussions with General Assad who was leaving for further talks in Saudi Arabia.

The King's remarks suggested that a difficult mission lay ahead for Mr Alfred Atherton, President Carter's roving Middle East envoy.

King Husain sharply criticized recent statements by Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, on such issues as the future of Jerusalem. His attitude, he said, was "not a very helpful factor as far as the impressions we are already forming regarding what happened at Camp David".

Asked by reporters what changes were required in the agreements before he would consider joining the peace moves, the King replied: "I believe a total examination of the entire position is required."

Jordan still wanted total Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab land, including old Jerusalem, and self-determination for the Palestinians. "I do not think that what we have heard so far comes anywhere near that," he said.—UPI.

Cairo, Sept 26.—President Sadat today sent Mr Hassan Tohami, his Deputy Prime Minister, to Geneva to seek the support of King Khalid of Saudi Arabia. The Saudis have expressed reservations about the agreements but have not yet taken a final position.—Reuter.

Sharp words seal French détente with Madagascar

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Sept 26

Relations between France and Madagascar, parlous since the fall of the Tsiranana regime in 1972, are on the mend as a result of the state visit here by President Ratsiraka.

The talks he had with President Giscard D'Estaing yesterday have cleared the air. Another private meeting is planned for tomorrow, while technical discussions on compensation for nationalized French assets and economic cooperation are being handled at ministerial level.

Judging by the toasts exchanged at the state banquet last night at the Elysee Palace, the process has been assisted by some pretty plain speaking on both sides.

President Ratsiraka inveighed against "colonialists and neo-colonialists opposed to the hard working Malagasy people, for their respective interests could only be antagonistic. However paradoxical it might seem, nationalization aimed at nothing less than safeguarding friendship between our two people."

He went on to condemn "all attempts to destabilize sincerely progressive regimes" and in thinly-veiled allusion to *alleged French backing for the* coup in the Comoros; and the role of Colonel Bon Denard (demoted today from his post of head of the new regime's armed forces) he referred to the "fashion of carrying out underhand tasks through professionals of base deeds".

M Giscard d'Estaing replied equally tartly that France had no ambition other than "peace and the harmonious development of peoples". He emphasized the principles of his *policy based on "respect for* frontiers and people's independence". France had a right to defend its friends.

The desire of the Marxist Malagasy regime for closer economic cooperation with France, in spite of its ideological posturing, has been obvious since the visit to Tananarive last November. Disappointed hopes of Russian and Chinese assistance may be partly the reason.

A first instalment of compensation is already forthcoming for French firms. The present visit will certainly lead to another as well as to increased economics an dtechnical assistance. It is characteristic of the contrast between Malagasy words and deeds that even at the lowest point in relations, in 1974, there were still 500 French technicians in Madagascar.

The Government of President Rasiraka made it clear it would like more and was prepared to finance their cost. Other issues, like the status of Mayotte and the islets of the Mozambique Channel, used by the French navy and claimed by Madagascar, have deliberately been left on one side by the Malagasy delegation.

Owen-Vance agreement on new Rhodesia moves

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, Sept 26

Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Cyrus Vance, the United States Secretary of State, agreed here today to renew their efforts to convene an all-party conference on Rhodesia.

They believe there may be little time remaining before the *Patriotic Front guerrillas come* to the conclusion that they can attain their objectives more quickly by intensifying the armed struggle rather than by negotiation.

However, Dr Owen and Mr Vance decided that they might have to modify the Anglo-American plan to bring the parties *to the conference table*. If they then receive signals that both sides are ready to talk, a venue for the meeting—possibly Mauritius—will be decided.

Southern Africa is dominating the discussions which Dr Owen is having here with other foreign ministers attending the opening of the United Nations General Assembly. Last night the foreign ministers of the Western members of the Security Council met to consider their response to South Africa's rejection of their independence plan for South-West Africa (Namibia).

They decided to summon their Ambassadors in Pretoria to New York for the Security Council meeting on Namibia, which is expected to be held on Thursday or Friday. At that *meeting, they will seek African* agreement on delaying calls for sanctions while an attempt is made to bring the South Africans back into the negotiations.

Nicholas Ashford writes from Johannesburg: The five Western ambassadors left here for New York for consultations with their foreign ministers on Namibia.

Sir David Scott, the British Ambassador, said the main purpose of their journey was to bring the foreign ministers up to date with South African *thinking on the Namibia* question in the wake of last week's announcement by the Pretoria Government that it was going ahead with pre-independence elections in the territory without the involvement of the United Nations.

Although the South African decision was a serious setback *to Western attempts to obtain* an internationally recognized settlement in Namibia, both the West and South Africa are anxious to avoid a complete break in negotiations.

South Africa has said it is leaving the door open for further talks, and Western diplomats, while not optimistic *about the possibility of holding* new discussions, hope that further contacts can be arranged if the Security Council endorses the Namibia proposals of Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General.

Few dismissals from BIS staff in New York

From Michael Leapman
New York, Sept 26

The dispute over the future of the British Information Service in New York, which provoked a disagreement among Cabinet ministers and a series of indignant letters in *The Times*, has been quietly resolved. In the event only seven of the office's staff, which used to number 68, have been removed.

Six of them are locally engaged personnel who are now serving out their dismissal notices. The seventh is the head librarian, who has been posted back to London.

These cuts do not give the whole story, however. Ever since moves began to pare the operation of the BIS more than a year ago, people leaving have *not been replaced. Once the* seven people have gone, the staff will be down to a new establishment figure of 45.

This is some way short of the drastic paring envisaged by Mr Peter Jay, the British Ambassador in Washington. He came to New York early this year to tell the staff that they *would be cut by half.* T began a lobbying campa however, as a result of w a Cabinet committee modi the decision.

An important casualty of dispute was Mr Lawr O'Keefe, who was removec head of the BIS at Mr J suggestion, only half through his expected four term. He has now been ap ted counsellor at the Bri High Commission in Nic and will be replaced by Peter Hall from the embass Caracas.

By the time Mr Hall arr there will have been a f decision on one of the elements in the dispute: future of the review of British press which the I sends out to American ne *papers and others five day* week. This took on a symb significance as an example the kind of public relati which Mr Jay regards as wa ful and unnecessary.

Mr O'Keeffe disagreed v *mently, and so did many oth* both within and without BIS.

Vietnamese use poison gas against Meo tribesmen

Bangkok, Sept 26.—Poison gas is being used against some 60,000 Meo hill tribesmen in Laos by Vietnamese troops, Meo refugees told reporters in Thaailand today.

The hill tribesmen have been holding out against the Vietnamese troops for the past three years in the Phou Bia mountains, east of Vienniane. Some 650 Meo tribesmen have crossed the Mekong river in the past three days.

Mr Yang San, a former Captain in the Royal Laotian Army, said that 25 of his relatives had died after a gas attack. His account of the gas attack fitted in with other refugee accounts in January and March which spoke of 7,000 deaths in the region south of Phou Bia alone.

According to a French doctor working for a private international organization who treated Meo refugees in the north of Thailand last year, the gas had similar effects to hyperite, a gas used in Flanders during the First World War.

The gassing had started at the begining of last year after several Pathet Lao operations against Phou Bia had failed, the former captain said.

Aircraft dropped four bombs each time they flew over the village. When they exploded they released a greenish cloud. *The people developed* headaches, dizziness, vomited blood and died shortly afterwards. This year a yellow coloured gas was used which worked even more rapidly, he added.—Agence France-Presse.

Gun battle in Beirut suburb

Beirut, Sept 26.—Syrian troops of the Arab peacekeeping force exchanged machine-gun fire with Christian right-wing militiamen in the south-east *suburb of Hadath today.*

Militia officials said two Syrians were killed and a ceasefire had been called so that the bodies of the soldiers could be removed. The right-wing Phalangist radio said that the Syrian forces had used anti-aircraft guns against residential areas.—UPT.

Police killed in guerrilla trap

Manila, Sept 26.—Philipp guerrillas yesterday litter highway with nails, then k two police officers who sto their car to mend a flat ty

The Philippine news ag said the policemen were k in the ambush in Davao *Norte province on Mind* island, about 500 miles Manila. Four other offi were wounded. According to police, the Communist People's Army was respon for the ambush.—*UPI.*

Third World report

Malawi shows how foreign aid should be used

From Nicholas Ashford
Lilongwe, Malawi

In the 14 years since it became independent, Malawi has built up an enviable reputation as a model user of the foreign aid it receives.

Its well thought out development programmes are designed to spread the benefits widely among the nation's five million people. Wastage either through corruption or inefficiency has been kept to a minimum and the country has an excellent repayment record. As a result, donor organizations have been ready to provide Malawi with development funds.

Agriculture accounts for 47 per cent of gross domestic product and 95 per cent of the country's exports. Consequently most development assistance has been given in the agricultural sector to raise production levels and improve living standards.

There has been considerable success in encouraging peasant farmers to produce more than they need and offer the surplus either for sale locally or abroad. They have also been encouraged to grow cash crops, such as tobacco, groundnuts and cotton and now smallholder farmers account for one third of Malawi's exports.

Four main rural development projects are taking place which, with a number of smaller ones, cover about one-fifth of the country's land area.

The biggest and most successful is the Lilongwe Land Development Programme, covering 1.15 million acres to the west of the nation's new capital. One tenth of the population lives in the programme area, the majority being farmers of smallholdings, usually about five acres per family.

The programme started in 1968 and will continue into the 1980s. About £15 million has been spent so far, of which more than 80 per cent has been provided by the International Development Association (part of the World Bank).

The intention of the scheme is to exploit the natural resources of the Lilongwe plain and to organize people into groups which will be able to carry on the methods introduced into the area.

Specific plans include a tenfold increase in surplus maize production, a fourfold increase in groundnut production, an increase in tobacco output, from a smaller acreage, 300 new water boreholes and 1,000 miles of dry-weather roads.

Farmers will also be provided with credit facilities to buy seeds, fertilizer and equipment and to establish a "unit service centre" (a small township in which health, social and administration facilities are based) within each 20,000 acres. Eventually no farmer or his family should be more than five miles away from the nearest market, shop or clinic.

The project is well on the way to achieving its production targets. This year 30 million lb of tobacco will be produced, 25,000 short tons of maize and between 9,000 and 10,000 short tons of groundnuts, mainly for export to Britain.

There are two main reasons for this increase. First is the efficient marketing and distribution service provided by the state organization, ADMARC. Second is the provision of credit to small farmers.

ADMARC's main strength is that it practically guarantees the farmer a market for his surplus. It also announces the price it will be paying for crops *before the planting season.*

Prices have increased each year since ADMARC's inception, although some farmers complain that the organization makes a handsome profit from its operations and could afford to pay more. According to Mr Tony Standen, the programme manager, about £1m has been distributed this year to 42,000 farmers in credit to buy seeds and fertilizers.

Interest is 15 per cent for individual farmers and 10 per cent for farmers who form themselves into a group, a trend which is being encouraged.

The credit repayment record stands at 99 per cent, a level which Western money-lenders could never hope to attain. This is largely due to credit rating being done at village level with a committee deciding whether a farmer is worth a loan. When credit is awarded at a local level there are social pressures on farmers to make punctual repayments.

This emphasis on involpeople at grass-roots level isrs throughout the deve ment region. A five-tier p ning structure has indivi villages on the lower rung the project planning commi at the top.

The project is split into "*units*" *each of about* 20 acres and containing abou villages. Each unit has its "service centre" which, as name suggests, provides l services for the area.

With the main empl being on self-help mecha tion is discouraged ex where it is shown to be of benefit and within the cap ties of the local population.

Tilling is still carried mainly by hand or ox-plo rather than by tractor, men first taught, at a local trai school, to make their hammers before learning to make pots and pans.

At present Malawi is see some £40m in foreign aid to for national rural developr schemes. *On its record i* unlikely to have difficult raising the money.

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OVERSEAS

World conference to consider charter for protection of plants and animals at risk

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, Sept 26

A world conference opened today in Soviet Central Asia on how to save plants and animals threatened by extinction. Some 300 scientists and conservationists gathered in Ashkhabad, the capital of Turkmenia, for the fourteenth general assembly of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN).

The 10-day conference will consider a charter for the protection of nature. Delegates from 56 countries—including Israel, South Africa and South Korea—will debate what emergency action must now be taken if certain species are not to be wiped out altogether.

Sharp disagreement is expected on how to set about such a daunting task, as the richer nations cannot afford the cost of a comprehensive strategy.

The IUCN was created soon after the Second World War under the auspices of Unesco, and now has a membership of 450 countries. With help from the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Wildlife Fund the committee drew up a second draft of the world conservation strategy, which has as its minimum goal the conservation of species to prevent their extinction.

Wildlife experts predict that by the end of the century thousands of plant and animal species will have gone. In the tropical forests alone one species is reckoned to disappear every day; and tropical forests themselves are being reduced at the rate of 50 acres a minute.

Dr Agajan Babayev, the president of the Turkmenian Academy of Sciences and one of the organizing committee of the assembly, said the ecological balance was "drastically upset" in 80 out of 198 natural areas of the world.

One of the main subjects on the agenda will be the advance of deserts across the globe. The world will lose about a third of its arable land to desert by the year 2,000. United Nations figures show that more than 600 million people now live in zones threatened by advancing deserts and a Soviet scientist has pointed out that the Sahara alone has grown by an extra 260,000 square miles in the past 50 years.

The Russians have picked Ashkhabad as the conference venue because the city is on the edge of one of the world's largest deserts and the Russians believe that their experience in learning to live "in peace and friendship" with the desert has much to teach others.

After many years of neglect the Russians now pursue a vigorous wildlife conservation and environmental policy. There have been some heated semi-public debates and some notable successes, particularly with the Draconian measures to reduce pollution in Lake Baikal, once one of the world's cleanest inland lakes.

The hunting of much wildlife is also strictly controlled in the Soviet Union, and environmental considerations are now taken into account in city planning.

Dr Andrei Bannikov, the vice-president of IUCN, said the present conference would be one of the most representative yet held. Some 30 documents are to be discussed, and subjects will include the influence of water purity on biological productivity of the oceans, the preservation of the habitat of endangered species and means of increasing soil fertility.

In brief

18 months' jail for Norma Levy

Miami, Sept 26.—Norma Levy, a central figure in the sex and politics scandal in Britain in 1973, was sentenced today to 18 months in jail for violating American immigration laws.

Her lawyer immediately filed appeal papers after the court rejected her plea for probation. The prosecution claimed that she had "repeatedly flouted immigration laws".

Bhutto papers ruling

Islamabad, Sept 26.—The Pakistan Supreme Court has ordered the censorship of all documents from Mr Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, the former Prime Minister, who is in Rawalpindi prison, to anyone outside.

Sikh sects clash

Delhi, Sept 26.—A curfew was imposed in Kanpur, 250 miles south-west of here, after 11 people were killed and 75 injured during a clash between two Sikh sects—Akalis and members of the reformist Nirankari movement.

Fooling the dolphin

Tokyo, Sept 26. — The Japanese Government is to start testing a plastic replica of a killer whale in the Sea of Japan in an effort to scare away dolphins which eat fishermen's catches and profits.

Floods return

Delhi, Sept 26.—New floods have inundated large areas in the north Indian states of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh less than 10 days after the most devastating flooding this century.

Chlorine gas leak

Vancouver, Sept 26.—At least 32 people were treated in hospital after chlorine gas escaped from a drum that fell off a lorry last night.

Postal strike off

Ottawa, Sept 26.—Canada's 6,000 postmen have agreed to call off their four-day-old strike pending a meeting with the acting Labour Minister.

Judge accused

Rio de Janeiro, Sept 26.—A judge has been arrested, and accused of shooting dead a leading Brazilian lawyer, police said.

Ontario minister dies

Teheran, Sept 26.—Mr John Rhodes, Ontario's Minister of Industry and Tourism, died of a heart attack here while on a trade mission. He was 48.

Guest Column

Why Roadford believes it should not be drowned

A mixed economy like ours may seem a rational compromise between socialism and capitalism but as a *compromise it inevitably contains* contradictions. Take, for example, water. Our public water boards are committed to providing water to consumers where it is "needed" and to predicting and supplying future needs on current trends. Water consumption has risen by 2 per cent—3 to 4 per cent in the south east—in the recent past. But while the nation's insatiable appetite for water grows, good agricultural land *is drowned and rural communities* destroyed.

The public inquiry into Roadford, the South West Water Authority's £20m scheme to flood 738 acres of mid-Devon countryside reopened yesterday to examine evidence of a seismic fault on the site of the proposed reservoir. Alarm was triggered by a letter in a local paper shortly after the inquiry closed in April and the Inspector, Jack Mercer, *had left to write his report. According* to the SWWA, who have plotted all earth tremors in the south west, the seismic threat is "no different from that at any other site". *The scare may* well prove to be unfounded, but the more general concern of local people and environmentalists will not be assuaged unless the SWWA alter or at least modify their plans. And the plans are already going ahead: the authority has spent £717,611 on 1,055 acres.

The SWWA's plan for a reservoir at Swincombe in Dartmoor was finally rejected by Parliament in 1970, although Swincombe was among the sites suggested as alternatives by the anti-Roadford reservoir campaign. Ashley Tabb, its spokesman, argues that the "preservation of agricultural land and rural communities" should be of paramount importance and the Roadford area, whose intricate pattern of winding lanes is as yet "relatively unspoilt by tourism" stands to lose more than Swincombe, where few people would be affected by the flooding. Ironically in view of plans for recreational activities on the proposed reservoir, the local council only recently rejected a planning application *for one house on the grounds of* the traffic it would generate—one car. "If any sense prevails at all", says Mr Tabb, "the decision has got to go against the water authority because land resources are crucial to the country."

The SWWA want to solve their water problems "once and for all", and though they admit predictions of future need are largely guesswork, they argue that as one large reservoir *at Roadford could supply both north* and south Devon, "there is a better chance of getting the answers right". Future predictions by water authorities throughout the country, however, have been lowered in view of recent population trends. The Southern Water Authority's 1975 prediction that water consumption would be doubled by the end of the century has been revised to a 50-60 per cent increase.

The Council for the Protection of *Rural England, which in their evidence* to the inquiry called the Roadford scheme "profligate", estimated that with more efficient use of existing resources, less than one third of the total yield of Roadford might be required by the year 2001. If the reservoir must go ahead, they say, the SWWA should at least reduce its size.

The Secretary of State has finally approved the Severn-Trent Water Authority's plans for the flooding of 830 acres of Derbyshire farmland at Carsington. At the public inquiries which have become a regular feature, the water authorities inevitably have both finance and expertise weighed in their favour (the SWWA's legal bill came to around £45,000) and while we assume that all demands for water must be met without restrictions on use, local pressure groups made up of busy farmers have little chance of saving their land. If public inquiries are to be truly exploratory and democratic and if we are to avoid the degrading spectacle of local groups trying to pass the buck by suggesting other areas as more suitable for destruction, then public money must be made available to both sides and long-term national policy on the provision of water must be considered alongside short-term local expediency.

Ironically, it is those in the areas thought most suitable for flooding who use least water and who lose their homes for the sake of inhabitants of distant towns. If we are to preserve our heritage we must contain our short-sighted greed. It might be salutary when turning on the garden sprinkler or the automatic washing machine for its 30-gallon wash to remember Sheepwash, a pretty village in the Roadford area that has refurbished its nineteenth-century pump.

Penny Allen

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ondon man is eed from oviet prison

Moscow, Sept 26.—Mr Volai Shcharegin, formerly dent in Britain was released Wednesday from a Soviet on where he served a 10-r sentence for treason, dis-nt sources reported today.

Mr Shcharegin refused the r of a Soviet passport and ressed the desire to return Britain where he had lived e 1946, the sources added.

born in the Ukraine, he was orted to Germany during the ond World War and he ght refuge in Britain after war.

as the representative of a don electrical components n he visited Moscow in 1968, en he was arrested.—UPI.

Son visit: Mrs Arina Ginzg, the wife of the dissident r Aelxander Ginzburg spent Friday with her husband in Sosnovka prison camp in rdovia, she said today.

Work conditions in the camp e very difficult, she said. soners were made to polish ets of glass and the dust m the glass impregnated all air in the workshop.—ance France-Presse.

Oswald was shot 'because he had a silly smirk'

From David Cross
Washington, Sept 26

Jack Ruby, the nightclub owner, shot Lee Harvey Oswald, the alleged assassin of the late President Kennedy, on the spur of the moment out of intense irritation, a congressional hearing was told today.

Testifying before the assassinations committee of the House of Representatives here, Mr Earl Ruby, his brother, said that after the killing of the President, Jack Ruby telephoned his sister to tell her how upset he was about the assassination.

In another conversation, Mr Ruby said, his brother had explained his motive for shooting Lee Harvey Oswald. When Oswald walked out to address a televised press conference he had "a silly smirk on his face" as though he was pleased with what he had done, Jack Ruby had told him.

He lost control of himself and shot Oswald without regard for the consequences.

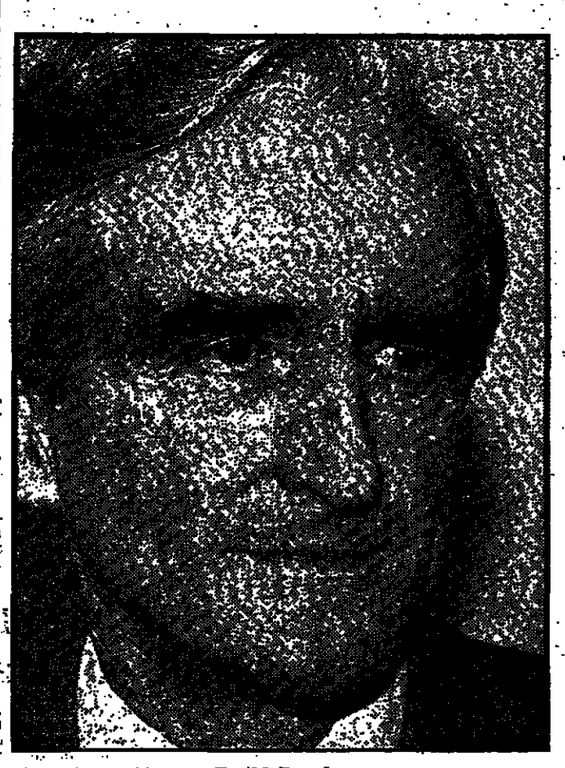
Jack Ruby was subsequently jailed for the shooting of Oswald and died in prison.

During its final week of hearings, the committee is investigating all the numerous conspiracy theories surrounding the shooting of President Kennedy in Dallas, Texas, 15 years ago. With the aid of scientific evidence, as well as witnesses to the shooting, it has succeeded in proving fairly conclusively that many of the theories are unfounded.

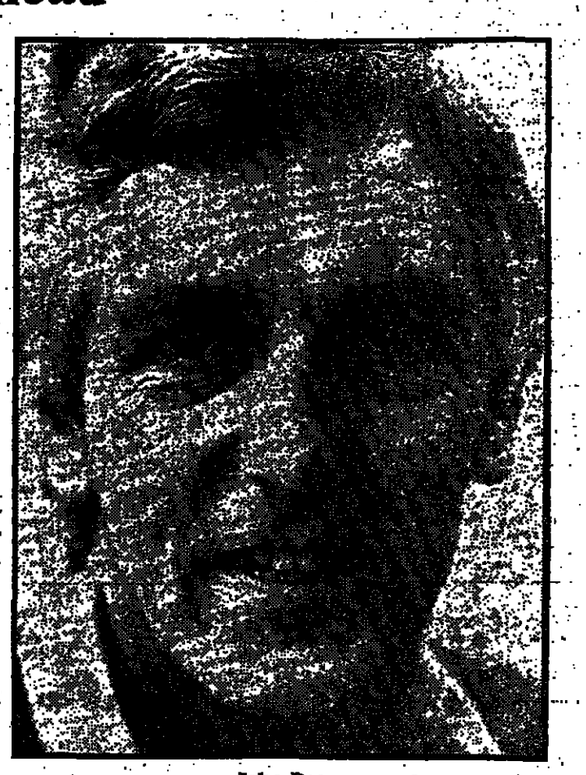
One minor coup for the committee was the discovery of the so-called "umbrella man", who was photographed incongruously opening his umbrella at the time of the shooting. Conspiracy theorists have suggested over the years that he was serving as a signal man for the assassins.

Mr Louie Witt, now aged 53, told yesterday's hearing that the truth was considerably more mundane. He had simply been trying to annoy President Kennedy by waving an umbrella—a symbol of the support of the late President's father for the appeasement policy adopted by Mr Neville Chamberlain.

The Headmasters' Conference meets under its new head



David Baggley



John Rae

Many of the public school headmasters gathering in Exeter today for the opening of the 109th annual meeting of the Headmasters' Conference (HMC) will doubtless be breathing a sigh of relief that *this* year they have the quiet, uncontroversial David Baggley, head of Bolton School, Lancashire, as their chairman and not that flamboyant hot-head John Rae, head of Westminster School, who created such a storm at last year's conference.

John Rae rocked the outwardly stable and hadmonious HMC boat last year by criticizing (and in public!) the tendency of the independent schools to contemplate their own navels and to be too obsessed with their own survival. Go out and reform the whole of the education system, even if it means surrendering some of your independence or actually dying in the process, he cried.

Let the independent schools come back into the mainstream of the education system, he continued; and for Heaven's sake, let us not further antagonize the state schools by giving support to the assisted-places scheme proposed by the Conservative Party. Finally, he argued that to siphon bright children off from the comprehensive schools was not the best way of solving the problems of the children or the schools.

That was heresy: that was biting the hand that fed the independent schools. And it was flying in the face of a scheme for assisted places that was first evolved by a group of independent and former direct-grant school heads, including David Baggley, and then handed over to the Conservative Party. John Rae was the first to voice his opposition to the scheme and he clearly struck a responsive chord. There are now a number of HMC heads who agree that the proposed assisted-places scheme would be a political and educational error.

John Rae's outspokenness has antagonized not a few independent school heads—not least the headmistresses, who took great exception to his suggestion that the boys' public schools could help promote sexual equality in education by taking girls into their sixth forms. His smooth, patrician manner, good looks, and impeccable credentials, including an MA from Cambridge and a PhD from London, only seem to add to their distress.

His latest contribution to the independent - comprehensive school debate will not help. Writing in the current issue of *The Times Educational Supplement*, he gives the maintained sector some genuinely helpful hints on how to improve its public image, and at the same time draws attention to some of the weaknesses within the independent sector—which he believes do exist, contrary to the view of many of his colleagues, who sometimes seem to think that all is rosy in the public schools.

David Baggley is in a different mould, and in a way represents an opposite camp to John Rae within the HMC. He will be careful not to ruffle any feathers or say anything controversial in public. His chairman's address to conference this evening will, like his own character, be cool, scholarly, deeply committed and very earnest, but will not produce any headlines.

Aged 55, David Baggley is head of a former direct-grant day school for boys in a northern industrial town, a very different place from the traditional home counties boys boarding public school. But the HMC has opened its elite membership to the direct-grant schools, created by the 1944 Education Act. The chief criteria of eligibility for the HMC now is that a headmaster is at a school where at least one quarter of the pupils aged over 13 are in the sixth form, and where not less than one tenth of each age group pass at least two A levels. Membership, which is by election of existing members, is restricted to 215 heads.

Bolton boys' school was founded in the late fifteenth or early sixteenth century, and was then reendowed in 1913 by Sir W. H. Lever (later the first Viscount Leverhulme), together with the Bolton high school for girls, under a single foundation. The two schools are now housed in two identical mock-Tudor buildings, separated only by a courtyard, but remain separately staffed and organized save for a few joint activities at sixth-form level.

When the Government gave its ultimatum in 1975 to the 176 direct-grant schools, Bolton *School was among the 119 which* decided to go independent. Until then, one third of its annual intake of 120 had been reserved free places for pupils nominated by the local council and the school was given a Government grant in return. From 1976, the council could no longer give non-means-tested free places, but until this year it could provide financial assistance, on a means-tested basis, to bright pupils from state primary schools who it thought would benefit from independent schooling. Some 40 pupils a year continued to receive assistance under that arrangement, in 1976 and 1977.

This year, however, the Government has told local education authorities that they may not take up places in independent schools simply because the child is considered particularly able. However, Greater Manchester believes it has found a loophole in the law which enables it to help pay independent school fees for bright children from the Greater Manchester area, even though it is not an education authority. Its action is to be challenged in the courts.

The boys' division of Bolton School has received £14,000 this year from Greater Manchester, which is helping to pay for 46 new places. The £670,000 fund raised, largely from parents, over the past two years by the boys' and girls' divisions is going to help pay for a further seven places for boys, meaning that nearly half this year's intake are receiving some financial assistance. Fees are £677 a year, which is quite cheap when compared with the average HMC fees for day pupils of about £1,000 a year. Boarding fees are double that.

The boys school has 862 pupils aged 11 and over, including 236 in the sixth form. Its academic record is well above average. All boys are expected to take at least eight O levels, including English language, French, mathematics, physics, chemistry, geography and history which are compulsory up to 16; and all but a handful of boys continue into the sixth form to take A levels. This year 88 per cent of the O level entries were awarded a grade C or higher (32 per cent were awarded a grade A), and the pass rate for A level entries was 87 per cent, with 41 per cent being awarded a grade A or B.

David Baggley is a grammar school boy. Educated at Bradford Grammar, where his father was head of mathematics, he went up to Cambridge on an exhibition in 1942 for two terms and he was a class 1 in classics, before being called up to serve in the navy, first as an ordinary seaman, and then as a temporary sub-lieutenant. In 1945, he returned to Cambridge, this time as a history scholar, and was awarded a class 1 on his history finals two years later.

He then went straight into teaching, first at Clifton, then at Dulwich College, before being appointed, at the age of 34 to King Edward VII's direct-grant school in Lytham St Annes, and then on to Bolton in 1966.

His background helps explain his fervent attachment to the idea of an assisted-places scheme for bright pupils from poor homes. With the passing of the grammar schools, he believes that it is now largely up to the independent schools to preserve what is good and noble in our culture, to defend excellence, and to foster independent-thinking individuals, imbued with a deep sense of social responsibility, who will leave the school prepared to use some of what they have been given for the good of society.

Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

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Re CLIFFORD HARDIE ex parte NIGEL JAMES BALCOMBE and NIGEL JAMES BALCOMBE of 51 Cecil Pde., Mill Rise, London, N.W.7 hereby petition the Court that a RECEIVING ORDER may be made in respect of the Estate of Clifford Hardie of 9, Inglewood Avenue, Heatherside, Camberley, Surrey. Occupation unknown and lately residing at Inglewood Avenue, Heatherside, Camberley, Surrey and say:—
1. That the said Clifford Hardie has for the greater part of six months next preceding the presentation of this Petition resided at 9, Inglewood Avenue, Heatherside, Camberley, Surrey within the District of this Court.
2. That the said Clifford Hardie is justly and truly indebted to me in the aggregate in the sum of £1,527.76 in respect of a Judgment obtained against him in the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division (Action No. 1977 B No. 2251) dated 16th day of May 1977 for the sums of £1,350.00 and £47.70 costs, the Judgment being in respect of moneys lent to the debtor by the petitioning creditor for dental treatment.
3. That I do not nor does any person on my behalf hold any security on the said Debtors estate, or any part thereof for the payment of the said sum.
4. That CLIFFORD HARDIE within three months before the date of the presentation of this Petition has committed the following Act of Bankruptcy, namely, failure to pay by 15th November 1977 with a Bankruptcy Notice issued out of this Court and numbered 180 of 1977, in the matter hereof served by substituted service in accordance with an Order of this Court, dated 7th day of February 1978.
Dated this 7th day of February 1978
Signed by the Petitioner in my presence PHILIP G. CARPENTER 26 The Broadway, Mill Hill NW7 Solicitor
This is the Petition referred to in the Affidavit of NIGEL JAMES BALCOMBE sworn before me this 7th day of February 1978
PHILIP G. CARPENTER,
A practising Solicitor.
Filed the 9th day of February, 1978.
INDORSEMENT
This Petition having been presented to the Court on the 9th day of February 1978, it is ordered that this Petition shall be heard at The Law Courts, Mary Road, Guildford on the 9th day of October 1978 at 10.00 a.m. in the forenoon.
And the said Clifford Hardie are to take Notice, that if you intend to show cause against the Petition, you must file with the Registrar of the Court a Notice specifying the statement in the Petition which you intend to deny or dispute, and send by post a copy of the Notice to the Petitioners, said his Solicitor, if known, not later than three days before the day fixed for the hearing.
GUY PRITCHETT
Registrar.
Note:—I hereby certify that there are no prior petitions against the within named debtor.
Dated this 8th day of February, 1978.
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TO MIRIAM CARBUCH, (use name and number Session No. CARBUCH AND MIGDAL INS. CO. LTD.), take notice that the above matter will be heard in the DISTRICT COURT, JERUSALEM, ISRAEL, on Thursday, October 5th, 1978. You are hereby notified that, if no defence is filed in the Court by the 5th September the Matter will be proceeded with in your absence.
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SPORT

Football

Forest ready to grow up at Anfield

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

Surviving the first round of the European Cup has become unusually difficult this season, with the holders, Liverpool, two goals in arrears as they start their second-leg match against Nottingham Forest at Anfield tonight, *Juventus needing to defend a* slender one-goal lead in Glasgow against Rangers, and last season's runners-up, Bruges, looking far *from secure as they go to Poland* with a 2—1 advantage over Wisla Krakow.

The tie of the greatest interest throughout Europe is that at Anfield. If Nottingham Forest can resist the surging, defiant power of Liverpool, and that is by no means certain, despite their lead, they will receive the thanks of many other winning teams who have an eye on the trophy. Liverpool, because of their record and reputation, are rightly seen as the most difficult opponents anyone *could meet* in Continental competition. Yet if they lose tonight there will also be widespread regret. Defeat would cost them *the opportunity to join the ranks* of Bayern Munich, Ajax and Real Madrid, the distinguished clubs who have won the European Cup in three or more successive seasons.

Liverpool could not have met a team more likely to dismiss them so early *in* their defence, but one hesitates before suggesting that a victory for Forest *tonight would at once make the* Nottingham team the new European Cup favourites. Liverpool have compiled such a wealth of experience *that if they can* survive they may well win the trophy for a third year. This is the cruel irony of their situation, but it also contributes to the enormous interest and excitement that the match will generate. It promises to be another glittering highlight in Liverpool's long journey through Europe.

The second goal that Forest scored in the last few minutes of the first leg *a fortnight ago* certainly changed the complexion of the tie. Until then Liverpool were in the strong position that they *had enjoyed many times before.* Being a goal down with the home leg to play would not have concerned them if the opponents had been *anyone else but Forest.* As it was they risked too much and conceded that crucial second goal. If the margin had been one their familiar, insistent pressure would surely have seen them through, but now there is much greater danger.

One slip from the defenders, two of whom looked far from confident when playing for England *last week, and Liverpool would* be in need of four goals to be sure of victory. An away goal for Forest would be the sweetest of their uncertain season, for not even Liverpool at Anfield could expect to score four against defenders who have already proved that they can contain them.

Almost overnight it seems that Forest have discovered a rare *talent in Birtles, who scored in* the first leg and played excellently throughout. Liverpool will watch him more closely *in* the light of that match, but they are often vulnerable to speed through the centre of the field and to quick counter attacks that spread to the wings. While they strive to recover the goals that they lost a fortnight ago, they could suc*cumb to one sharp breakaway.*

Peter Taylor, the Forest assistant manager, said yesterday that he and Brian Clough had warned the players not to be over confident about their advantage. He said: "The game is very finely poised. If they go out with the wrong attitude it's all over. Liverpool are the type of side who will keep running until they drop."

Mr Clough said: "What we have faced before this season will seem like paper cups. Two goals is a great advantage, but Liver*pool have already scored seven* once on their own ground this season. But we know exactly what to expect. The game is part of our *growing-up process.* We have experienced many things over the last two or three years, but there are still parts of our education to come and one of them is facing Liverpool at Anfield on a night when we will feel as though the whole of Merseyside is on our backs".

The Forest team will not be announced until today, but I would be surprised if Mr Clough decidedto omit Gemmill, whom he dropped from last Saturday's drawn match against Middlesbrough. He has shown before that by dropping the Scot from one game he gets the best out of him in the next. The only certain *change, however, is at left back.* Barrett is injured and will be replaced with Clark. Liverpool make no changes from the team who drew with West Bromwich Albion. Heighway has recovered from a slight leg injury, thus ensuring that Dalglish will be served from the wing; and it could be the fact that Dalglish is in such dashing form that swings the tie back towards Liverpool.

When Juventus arrived in Scotland from Turin they had no less than nine members of Italy's *World Cup party in their group* of 17 for tonight's tie against Rangers. Even so, a one-goal lead is hardly enough to defend with *confidence and in attempting to* increase it they may endanger themselves. Rangers will certainly hope so as they have yet to win a League match this season and need European competition to maintain spectator interest. Their manager, John Greig, has added Kennedy, Watson and Urquhart to the party, and Juventus include Bettega, who was injured while playing for Italy against Bulgaria last week but has almost recovered.

Ipswich Town's lack of goals this season was emphasized *in their Cup Winners' Cup first-leg* match against AZ '67 Alkmaar in The Netherlands where they drew 0—0. For tonight's second leg *they will not, as intended, replace* Whymark with Geddis, whose last senior appearance was in the FA Cup final last May. Geddis damaged knee ligaments in a preseason tournament, and failed a fitness test yesterday. There is one enforced change because Ipswich's Dutch import, Muhren, is ineligible. Mills will move forward to take up the midfield vacancy *and Tibbott plays at left back.* Alkmaar will choose their team at the last minute, but it is known that Van Hanegem has recovered *from influenza and that Peters* seems free from his knee injury.

Another Dutch team visiting tonight are Twente Enschede, who drew 1—1 with Manchester City at home a fortnight ago. They present City with the first of three important tests within 10 days: After tonight's tie City face Manchester United at Old Trafford on Saturday and a Football League Cup tie against Blackpool next week. They are relieved to have Barnes and Kidd fit again. Barnes has been suffering from a persist*ent knee injury and Kidd has* missed six matches because of a broken toe. Kidd obviously lacks match fitness, but City should be *strong enough to improve their* poor record of first round failures.

MacLeod resigns as Scotland Manager

Alistair MacLeod resigned last night as Scotland's team manager. He is *to become manager of Ayr* United, the club he took to the premier division before joining Aberdeen. Mr MacLeod, whose 16-month stay as the Scottish manager met with World Cup disappointment in the Argentine, will be in charge of Ayr's first division game against St Johnstone on Saturday.

The news came after a long meeting of the club's board at Somerset Park tonight. A director, Ernest Upton, said: "Ally takes over immediately—and we are delighted. We have cleared the *situation with Scottish FA secre*tary Ernie Walker. There is now a vacancy for the job as Scotland manager."

Mr MacLeod, aged 47, left Ayr in 1975, but he has lived in the town since then and kept in close *touch with United. Mr Upton said:* "We realize it was an ambitious move, going after the manager of Scotland, but we have always had good relations with *him and he has* kept *in* touch all along. He has been to two or three of our games this season and shown a big interest in how we have been doing.

"Lets' get on with the work."

Mr MacLeod, who is the third manager Scotland have lost to club football in recent years, will be at Somerset Park tomorrow, when Ayr meet Arbroath in the Scottish first division. After his year and a half as national manager, he joins Tommy Docherty and Willie Ormond in leaving the Scotland post to return to domestic football.

He has left a job worth £15,000 a year, shortly after the Scottish FA had supported him in a searching inquest into Scotland's World Cup results. He inherited a strong, settled Scottish squad from Mr Ormond, which won the home *championship.* A successful tour of South America followed and Mr MacLeod was able to project his team with great results.

Boxing

Conteh produces classic answer to a tough southpaw problem

By Srikumar Sen

After striking out on his own for three years, John Conteh *returned in triumph to the main*stream of British boxing at Wembley arena last night. As he knocked out Leonardo Roger, of the Dominican Republic, in 1min 15sec of the seventh round of the 10-round bout, Conteh was carried up on a swell of cheering that was at times so loud that it had a metallic ring.

This spectacular victory should gain him an early return with Mate Parlov, of Yugoslavia, the WBC champion. A meeting with Mike Rossman, of the United States, the WBA champion *looks* a really attractive proposition, although it may be anathema in certain quarters. For the man Conteh beat so convincingly was ranked seventh in the world, one step ahead of Rossman until he became the WBA champion by stopping Victor Galindez in the thirteenth round. Conteh's performance was that of a real champion for at the seventh he was trailing and taking heavy punishment. The punch was a classic straight right, the specific for a southpaw, *which hit the tower*ing Roger smack on the button and dropped him vertically.

The opening rounds were bad for Conteh. He was apprehensive and Roger's explosive left-right left-right caught him over and over again and too often Conteh had to shy away and *shield* his head behind his gloves. In the second he took a belting from the American's *double punches. The depressing* thing for Conteh was that the American looked unmovable in stance and intention. Conteh was *in real trouble in* the third and for the first time had to back away and circle round Roger, who held the centre of the ring.

The turning point of the bout was the fourth which began with a toe to toe scrap, which I thought *at first was a mistake for Conteh* for he had not used his jab effectively so far. But the fight set the adrenalin going for the British boxer, who had until then absorbed only punishment and given little in return. Conteh caught the American with a hard left to the ribs which had him blowing for the first time and there were signs of his vulnerability. Roger began to slow down.

The fifth began with a clumsy butt from Roger which only *signified that he was beginning* to lose his nerve. He was caught again by Conteh in the ribs, but just as the British boxer thought that Roger was going the American hit back with that controd of a left and had Conteh reeling. But still this was another good round for Conteh for he was coming more into the picture and handing it out for a change.

Conteh's best round was the sixth. He came out looking confident. But that confidence was suddenly shattered as Roger found the mark with his left again. However, Conteh would not give ground and, for a moment it was a duck-rabbit situation, only one *could not be certain who* was the rabbit and who the duck. Conteh had in the end to resort to holding, then running sideways with his head covered. I made this round even, but the American was comfortably ahead.

Roger came into the seventh looking to land that left following hard upon the right with greater precision, but it was the coolest of rights that anticipated the American's moves and shot in and Roger dropped.

"That's the best right I have *ever thrown" Conteh said after*wards. "It even shook me—right down to my boots. It felt like an electric shock.

"*I wish I could do it like that* all the time. I knew my right was good from what I had been told *by my sparring partners who* reckoned it was even better than my left hook, and that is pretty good".

Conteh said that he had begun to feel a little anxious because his appponent was tough and a heavy swinger. "Then George Francis [*Conteh's trainer*] told me to use my right and not leave everything to my other glove, and I banged him with a beauty, right on the chin. I am so pleased and happy with myself. It is great to be back boxing at Wembley and before such a good crowd. N[...] just want to get back here [...] as quickly as possible. I wa[...] *be a busy fighter because the[...]* always the best."

Maurice Hope, Britain's [...] pean light-middleweight cham[...] had two great a variety punches for Alfonso Hayma[...] the United States. The American had by the fifth r[...] absorbed so much punish[...] that the referee had no o[...] but to stop the bout in 1min [...] of the round.

Hayman had tried to [...] Hope, possibly having heard the boxer from Hackney w[...] slow starter. Hope look[...] little bemused at first, but he got the measure of Haymar[...] shook him with rights. Al[...] *American could do was to* turning away from Hope's [...] In the whole bout Hope caught only once by a right [...] *Hayman in the third round,* wobbled momentarily, but smart enough to disengage recover before returning [...] attack.

One disappointing aspec[...] Hope's boxing was that he se[...] curiously incapable of puttin[...] American away with well[...] punches and in the fourth [...] with Hayman weaving and m[...] in but *not connecting* he[...] sented an open target to [...] But although he connected the American's jaw several and *had him tottering,* he seemed to hold back for se[...] too long. This could be a [...] he could rue if and when he [...] Rocky Mattioli.

OTHER RESULT: Eight rounds weight: C. Ro[...]-Edwards (Ha[...] beat G. Feeney (Hartlepool), on [...]

Jimmy Batten, the British middleweight champion, Millwall, has been nominat[...] box Gilbert Cohen, of Franc[...] the vacant European cham[...] ship. Purse offers must be *October 11 and the contest* take place by November 11.

Cohen was due to chal[...] Batten's "stablemate", M[...] Hope, but Hope relinquishe[...] title to concentrate on an at[...] on the world crown.

No chance of Cosmos suffering defeat

By Norman Fox

Chelsea 1 New York Cosmos 1

The New York Cosmos, whose ideas of football entertainment and presentation owe more to Broadway than Barnsley or even Bayern, played the West End last night. They had flown in from Germany where they '*died*' before 70,000 people in Munich, losing 7—1, and 60,000 in Stuttgart where they lost 6—1. At Stamford Bridge an unexpectedly large crowd of 40,000 saw them resplendent under the influence of a *guest 'star', the incomparable* Cruyff, and there was never the slightest chance of their suffering another day of embarrassment.

The Cosmos are far too cosmopolitan to offer a true *indication* of the devlopment of football in *the United States. In the future,* it is hoped, there will not be the need to import large numbers of foreign players, but for the moment they offer a unique football experience. Here were Cruyff and Beckenbauer, old *World Cup adversaries, improvis*ing together; a fabulous duet. There was Tueart, not long ago despairing in the possibility that he had no future at international level in England, dynamic on the wing, Chinaglia, the Italian veteran forward, always ominous, and Bogicevic the Yugoslav, supremely cool in all situations. No wonder American-born *players have some difficulty in* making this grade.

For Chelsea's younger players it was a baffling occasion as Cruyff, particularly, confronted them with his beautifully balanced movement, his delicate ball *control and extraordinarily accur*ate passes. Beckenbauer too strolled through the game but then his football has always been an exhibition of considered economy. Towards the end he stirred the memory by going forward to attack the Chelsea goal, and though without reward to himself, not without value to an appreciative crowd.

To criticize Chelsea for their naivity against men who dominated world football of the recent past would not be fair, but some of their basic control made a poor comparison. Their shooting was astonishingly bad and their imagination was not improved by the absence of McKenzie who was *injured—a pity, for he unlike* some of his colleagues here, would have enjoyed the occasion.

The Cosmos should have won by several goals but scored only one when Hunt, loaned from Coventry City, but only just back from the United States, drove one of many accurate long crosses to the far post. Tueart leapt up to *sidefoot the ball in for* an all-English goal.

Chelsea eventually equalized towards the end of the game when Wilkins, always their most thoughtful player, shot in from a difficult angle.



The blue shirts of Langley (left) and Stanley close in on Formosa.

Arsenal in credit and ready for round two

From Our Own Correspondent

Leipzig, Sept 26

There can be many a slip between Uefa Cup and lip, but there will be a good *deal of* heart-searching in London if Arsenal do not survive their first European test for seven years here tomorrow (7.0). They come to Leipzig three goals in credit as a result of their victory over Lokomotiv at Highbury two weeks ago.

Leipzig was covered in rain and mist as the Arsenal party arrived. But the weather did nothing to dampen the players' spirits as they contemplated a defence of their first leg lead. *Arsenal are forced to make at* least one change from the side that finished the first leg. Heeley, who made such an impression when he came on for the second half, has influenza and the plan is to move Rice into midfield and play Devine at rightback.

Another change is the return of a fully fit O'Leary to the heart of the defence and Walford, an deputy and a member of the England under 21 squad in Copenhagen last week, will be *one of the substitutes. He will* be in company with three teenagers—Gatting, Stead and Vaessens—and it is this lack of experience in reserve that could, in an emergency, be a handicap to Arsenal.

Tennis

Weak link could be in doubles

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Jimmy Connors, who has beaten Bjorn Borg twice this month, in New York and Buenos Aires, is missing from the United States team to play Sweden in the semi-final round of the Davis Cup competition, at Gotenborg from October 6-8. This is no surprise. Connors has shown little enthusiasm for representing his country and has played in only two ties, against Venezuela and Mexico in 1976.

An equally interesting and more surprising feature of the United States *team is the absence of an* established doubles pair. Of the four players chosen, Arthur Ashe and Vitas Gerulaitus will probably play singles, with Stan Smith and Richard Stockton forming the doubles partnership. The Swedish team will consist of Borg, Ove Bengtson, Kjell Johansson and Tenny Svensson.

In the final the winners of this tie will play Australia or Britain, who have both made the expected choice of players for their tie at *Crystal Palace during the same* period, October 6 to 8. Australia have chosen John Alexander, Tony Roche and the 1977 Wimbledon doubles champions, Ross Case and Geoffrey Masters. Britain keep the players who beat Czechoslovakia: *John Lloyd, Christopher Mottram,* and the men who formed the doubles team on that occasion, Mark Cox and David Lloyd. Each team will have an extra player to help them practice. These will be Robert Giltinan (Australia) and *Andrew Jarrett.*

The last time these nations met in the Davis Cup competition was in the 1936 Challenge round at Wimbledon, where Britain won 3—2. Fred Perry beat both Jack Crawford and Adrian Quist. Bunny *Austin also beat Crawford, but* lost to Quist. In the doubles Crawford and Quist beat Pat Hughes and Raymond Tuckey.

In Los Angeles Arthur Ashe, of the United States, brought back memories of his best days here last night *when he pulled off a* surprise 6—2, 6—4 victory over Brian Gottfried, the No 2 seed, also of the United States, in the final of the tournament here.

Ashe, who is now 35 years old, first won this tournament 15 years ago. In the men's doubles final, John Alexander and Phil Dent, of Australia, beat Raul Ramirez (Mexico) and Fred Mcnair (United States), 6—3, 7—6.—UPI and Agence France-Presse.

Wimbledon champion Martina Navratilova, with 303,800 dollars, won more money from tournaments than any other women's tennis player this year. Evonne Cawley of Australia was the second biggest prize winner with 161,171 dollars. Third was Virginia Wade of Britain who collected 127,682 dollars.

Hutchins and Miss Mapp[in] warn young players

Paul Hutchins, the Davis Cup team manager, and Susan Mappin, an international who may join him in an administrative capacity when she retires at the end of the season, yesterday gave a stern warning about the encroachment of would-be managers.

After winning her opening match in the Pernod Trophy indoor tournament at Nottingham, Miss Mappin emphasized the growing threat.

Miss Mappin, who is 30, is Britain's Under-21 team captain and chairman of the British *Women's Tennis Association. She* said: "Young players should beware those who carry contracts in their pockets. They are becoming a menace and making nuisances of themselves. They continually follow young players around in their attempts to influence them."

Hutchins agreed, but added: "They are trying to jump on the *bandwagon. There are times* when youngsters are particularly vulnerable and then these fellows zoom in on them."

The growing danger has also come to the attention of the Lawn Tennis Association and the secretary, *Peter Johns,* said last night: "It might be difficult to keep these people out of the game, but surely it is up to the players to turn round and tell them to go to hell."

Miss Mappin handed out a smart 6—1, 6—2, first round beating to local player Sally Ann Cook, but the emphasis was on the Under-21 international team champio[...] their foreign rivals, where *British* players out[...]

After two series in the r[...] robin section, three of Bri[...] four *players*—Rohun Beven [...] sex) Christopher Bradnam [...] dlesex), and Catherine [...] (Lincolnshire)—are certain places in the knock-out cup [...] tomorrow.

The only British defeat y[...] day came when Sonia D[...] playing at this level for the time, went down 7—5, 6—[...] the Canadian. *Nina Bland.* *Miss Davies still has a chan[...]* reaching the last stages if she today's match against the German, Brigit Morlock.

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: [...] Sears beat P. Hughesman, 6—1, [...] 6—4; J. Whiteford beat K. B[...] 6—1, 6—2; J. Dier beat A. S[...] 4—6, 7—5, 7—6.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: First r[...] Miss D. Jevans beat Miss D. [...] 6—1, 6—3; Miss S. Mappin bea[...] S. A. Cook, 6—1, 6—2.

MEN'S UNDER-21 TEAM: Gro[...] R. Beven (GB) beat P. C[...] (France), 6—3, 6—0. Group [...] Bradnam (GB) beat O. Vanden W[...] berg (Netherlands), 6—3, 6—2[...] Roberts (Canada) beat P. D[...] (France), 3—7, 7—5, 7—6. O[...] gren (Sweden) beat P. Smith [...] 6—3, 6—1; U. Wilms (W Germ[...] beat D. Pohl (Czechoslovakia), [...] 6—1.

WOMEN'S UNDER-21 TEAM: [...] A: Miss E. Ekblom (Sweden) beat A. Chevalier (France), 6—1, [...] Miss M. Pakker (Netherlands) [...] Miss L. Senn (Canada), 7—5, [...] Miss P. Van Oyen (W Germany) [...] Miss H. Kopeckova (Czechoslov[...] 6—5, 6—3; Miss C. Drury (GB) [...] Miss H. Teubarf (Israel), 6—3, [...] Group B: Miss N. Bland (Canada [...] Miss S. Davies (GB), 7—5, [...] Miss M. Nsker (Netherlands) beat T. Levin (Israel), 7—5, 6—4.

Yesterday's results

Uefa Cup

First round, second leg

Everton (3) 5 King, Latchford, Walsh, Ross, Dobson — Finn Harps (0) 0; 21,611

Everton won 10—0 on aggregate.

Third division

Blackpool (1) 2 Wagstaff, Davidson — Gillingham (0) 0; 5,773

Rotherham (0) 2 Gwyther, Crawford — Watford (1) 1 Blissett; 6,443

Sheffield W. (0) 0 — Bury (0) 0

Shrewsbury (0) 1 Maguire — Hull (0) 0; 3,777

Walsall (2) 4 McDonough (2), Austin (2) — Peterboro (1) 1 Robertson (pen); 4,565

Fourth division

Darlington (0) 0 — Barnsley (0) 0; 3,475

Doncaster (0) 1 Taylor — Bournemouth (1) 1 Butler; 2,441

Huddersfld (0) 2 Brolly (og), Campbell — Grimsby (0) 0; 4,238

Portsmouth (0) 1 Davey — Wigan (0) 0; 13,902

Port Vale (2) 2 Chamberlain 2 — Northampton (1) 2 Farrington, Froggatt; 3,246

Scunthorpe (1) 2 Kilmore 2 — Aldershot (0) 0; 2,566

York (0) 1 Randall — Hereford (0) 0; 2,568

RUGBY LEAGUE: Floodlit competition (first round): Castleford 20, Wakefield Trinity 11. John Player competition (first round, replay): Leigh 10, Huyton 8.

HOCKEY: Representative match: East Under-21 1, Hotspurs, Australia 3.

Other match

Chelsea (0) 1 Wilkins — Cosmos (1) 1 Tueart; 39,659

Scottish first division

Clyde (0) 1 Grant — Kilmarnock (0) 1 McDowall

Scottish second division

E Stirling (3) 3 Ashwood, Docherty 2 — Albion (0) 3 Shields, McGillvray, Hart

Forfar (0) 1 Hall — Dunfermline (1) 2 Mullin 2

ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP: Quarter-final round (second leg): Oldham Athletic 4, Morton 0 (aggregate 4-3); St Mirren 3, Bristol City 2 (4-3).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Cup (second round): Andover 2, Taunton 2; Atherstone 3, Alvechurch 0; Barnet 1, Wealdstone 0; Cambridge City 1, Maidstone 0; Dorchester 0, Yeovil 0; Gravesend and Folkestone 5, Sheppey 0; Stourbridge 1, Milton Keynes 2.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Goole 0, Gainsborough 0; Matlock 1, Frickley 0; Runcorn 2, Barrow 1; Southport 3, Workington 1; Stafford Rangers 5, South Liverpool 1.

FA VASE: Preliminary round replay: Marlow 1, Kew Association 3.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking 5, Hayes 3; Boreham Wood 1, Wycombe Wanderers 1; Dulwich Hamlet 4, Kingstonian 0; Enfield 1, Hendon 3; Staines Town 2, Oxford City 0; Sutton United 3, Woking 0; Tilbury 1, Leatherhead 2.

***ATHENIAN LEAGUE:** Grays Athletic* 1, Edgware 0; Hatfield United 1, Burnham 5; Redhill 3, Chertsey 3; Windsor and Eton 5, Ruislip Manor 1.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Lancing 4, *Archbishop Michael Ramsey Dr Reunion* 8, Ashby G.S. 0; Westminster 1, Eton 8.

Rugby Union

CLUB MATCHES: Bridgend 8, President's XV 4; Newbridge 3, Tredegar 9.

COUNTY MATCH: Hertfordshire 9, Eastern Counties 27.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Eastbourne 11, Cranleigh 7; Radley 13, Wellington (Berkshire) 10; Rugby 8, Lawrence Sheriff 0; Stowe 20, Eton 6.

Leeds lose all interest in signing Daly

Leeds United have lost interest *in signing Daly,* Derby County's Republic of Ireland midfield player.

Leeds were prepared to pay £300,000, but the Derby manager, Tommy Docherty, wants £400,000.

Jock Stein, who is disappointed at failing to make his first signing, since becoming manager of Leeds said yesterday: "I have spoken to Tommy Docherty today. Nothing further will be done about Gerry Daly. The matter is finished. I have no other deals in the pipeline."

Two Brighton players, Towner, a right winger, and Poskett, a striker, were put on the transfer *list yesterday at their own rekues.* They feel their chances of first team football were reduced when Brighton signed Ryan from Derby County.

Towner is a Brighton-born player who signed as a professional in October, 1972, and has played 153 league matches, scoring 24 goals. Poskett was signed from Bartlepool in January for £60,000, played *in 11 matches last season and* scored six goals.

Andrews to stay

James Andrews, manager of struggling Cardiff City, yesterday received a vote of confidence from his chairman, Robert Gregan. Andrews was upset by reports that he is soon to be replaced by former Wales defender, Michael England, currently with an American club.

Everton have no trouble putting out Harps' fire

Everton coasted into the second round of the Uefa Cup with a comfortable 5—0 win over the Irish part-timers, Finn Harps, in the first-round, second-leg tie at *Goodison* Park last night. The victory gave them a 10—0 aggregate—their most decisive scoreline in European football.

Everton were 2—0 ahead at half time with splendid goals from King (21 minutes) and Latchford (25). In the second half Finn Harps's challenge wilted. Two more goals were knocked past Harper, the goalkeeper, by Walsh (53) and Ross (60) before he was replaced by Mahon.

Immediately, Dobson added Everton's fifth in the sixty-third minute and Everton could afford the luxury of substituting Higgins and Robinson for Lyons and Thomas.

Watford the third division pacesetters, were checked after their successful run away from home, when they went down to Rotherham, 2—1. Rotherham, before their best League gate of the season were unfortunate to go in at half time, trailing to a well-hit goal from Blissett (35 minutes).

However, they got just reward *after 55 minutes when Gwyther* put them level with an effort that went in off the head of Garner. Sheer determination kept Rotherham driving forward and 10 minutes later they got the goal that mattered. A lovely through ball from Dawson gave Crawford a chance that he did not refuse.

Sheffield Wednesday dropped their third home point in three days against a side who are still looking for their first League win of the season. Bury were full value for their point in this 1—1 draw, even though Wednesday's strikers created many opportunities before the interval.

Porterfield shot over from 12 yards and after 66 minutes *Nimmo, the substitute was tried* in place of Tynan. Bury might have gathered both points had not Bolder dived to save brilliantly from Tocker and Hamstead.

Blackpool's 2—0 victory over Gillingham put them among the third division leaders and brought them their fifth point from three games. They promised more than they achieved, however, and could have had further goals with a greater effort by some of their front runners.

Six players had their names taken—Gillingham's White, Crabbe and Price and Ronson, Spence and McEwan of Blackpool.

Oldham gained an Anglo Scottish Cup semi-final round place with a dramatic four-goal win over Morton, winning 4—3 on aggregate. St Mirren were the other team to go through after their *2—2 draw with Bristol City,* who beat them in last season's final. The aggregate score was 4—3.

Shrewsbury went to the top of the third division when Maguire scored an injury-time winner, to end brave resistance by Hull. Ironically it was Hull's hero, Wealands, the goalkeeper, who conceded the free kick which brought the deciding goal.

A slightly ruffled Borg le[ts] Connors feather his nest

Buenos Aires, Sept 26.—Jimmy Connors, of the United States, *beat an often visibly upset* Bjorn Borg, of Sweden, today to win the Obras Sanitarias quadrangular tennis tournament. Connors lost the first set, 5—7, but came from behind with a combination of drop shots, lobs and smashes to beat Borg in the final two sets, 6—3, 6—3.

Borg's play declined drastically towards the end of the second *set. The Swede, apparently upset* by a noisy crowd and questionable line calls, lost three services on double faults, one of those giving Connors the second set and the two others in the crucial final set.

In the sixth game of the final set, with Connors ahead by only 3—2, a disturbance in the crowd that delayed play and a line call *favourable to Connors caused* Borg to hit two double faults and lose his service without scoring a point.

While the match judge several times called for silence in the Obras Sanitarias gymnasium, the full-house crowd that had paid up to $110 for a seat continued to whistle and make comments to the players. The win by Connors gives him a 3—2 edge over Borg in matches the two have played against each other during the year.

Connors used a variety of [...] in the first set to keep *running and off-balance. Th[...]* year-old American played a[...] sively to take an early lead hit several shots into the n[...] the end of the first set to it to Borg.

Connors, however, starte[...] *the second set breaking* [...] service, winning his own breaking the Swede's service to take a commanding 3—0 Borg began a comeback, bu[...] unable to break Connors's s[...] and finally double faulted in the last game of the [...] give it to Connors.

In the final set Connors [...] by winning his service and Borg's, who once again d[...] faulted twice. But Borg back to level the set at 2—2 American, however, won service and took Borg's a[...] Swede carelessly hit shots o[...] bounds.

Meanwhile, in New York [...] announced that World Cham[...] ship Tennis are to organi[...] Challenge Cup tournament cluding Connors and Borg month before the internat[...] federation's Masters event.

The WCT Challenge Cup have $320,000 in prize mone[...] which $180,000 will go to winner.

Baseball

Women allowed in Yankees' dressing rooms

New York, Sept 26.—One of the last bastions of male privilege —the dressing room of the New York Yankees baseball team—is to open its doors to the fairer sex.

Following a complaint of discrimination by a woman journalist of the magazine *Sports Illustrated, a New York judge, Mrs Constance* Baker, has ruled that women as well as men could enter the Yankees dressing room before or after a game to interview the players.

Otherwise, Mrs Baker *said,* women journalists would be working at a considerable disadvantage to their male counterparts. She went on to suggest that a strategically placed towel, or the curtain of the showers could be used to avoid any embarrassing situations.—Agence France-Presse.

For the record

Golf

PRESTWICK: Transatlantic Trophy: British Caledonian's Golfing Lions 5½, Texans 4. Details (British names first): S. Lyle beat D. Massengale, 1 and 3; B. Barnes beat B. Weaver 6 and 4; M. Gregson beat J. Smith 6 and 4; C. Mason halved with E. Miles; T. Horton beat C. Bridwell 6 and 5; S. Torrance beat K. Knoll 6 and 4.

SUTTON COLDFIELD: PGA qualifying school (at The Belfry): Leading scores: 149: N. Burkett, 75, 74; 153: J. Grant, 79, 74; P. K. Bellm, 81, 72; 156: S. Dolier, 74, 82; 156: P. Morris, 77, 79; T. C. Lewis, 75, 81; G. Nelson, 174, 82.

DEAL: Inter-Services Championship (at Royal Cinque Ports GC): RAF beat Army, 6½-5½.

Croquet

SOUTHWICK.—South of England Championships: O'Callaghan Gold Cup (Men's singles): Draw. First Round: D. A. Harris beat S. R. C. Wallis, +10; P. Newton beat R. E. Wallis, +11; G. E. P. Jackson beat W. E. Moore, +4; T. F. Owen beat E. C. Tyrwhitt Drake, +2 on time. Second Round: L. S. Butler beat G. Borrall, +18; Newton beat Harris, +21; Jackson beat Owen, +2; D. J. V. Hamilton-Miller beat N. W. T. Cox, +10. FELIX CUP (Handicap singles): Draw. First Round: C. E. Knight (5) beat Mrs P. Newton (3½), +2 on time; Mrs H. P. Mallinson (5) beat T. Colls (5), +21; H. A. Sheppard (4) beat A. Gordon (7), +1 on time; Mrs S. J. Turner (5) beat Mrs G. C. Day (8), +1 on time.

Rackets

Wellington (J. R. C. Mallinson, I. P. W. Low) beat Eton (D. J. C. Faber & T. R. V. Robins), 15—8.

Tennis

SAN FRANCISCO: Transamerica tournament: First round: R. Mayer beat B. Rowe, 4—6, 6—1, 6—4; J. Lloyd (GB) beat Tom Gullikson, 0—6, 6—4, 7—6; A. Roche (Australia) beat R. Case (Australia), 6—4, 4—6, 6—3; V. Pecci (Paraguay) beat N. Saviano, 6—7, 6—4, 6—3; P. Dupre beat Cliff Letcher (Australia), 6—3, 6—3; M. Pishlack beat J. Norback (Sweden), 7—6, 6—0.

ATLANTA: Women's tournament: First round: C. Evert beat V. Ziegenfuss, 6—3, 6—0; S. Walsh beat R. Gerulaitis, 4—6, 6—1, 6—3; W. Turnbull (Australia) beat P. Teeguarden, 6—5, 7—6; V. Ruzici (Romania) beat S. Barker (GB), 6—3, 7—5; K. May beat B. Nagelsen, 6—2, 6—2; D. Desfor beat S. Tolleson, 6—4, 6—0.

AIX-EN-PROVENCE: Golden Racket tournament: G. Vilas (Argentina) beat J. Velasco (Colombia), 6—1, 6—3; R. Gehring (W Germany) beat S. Ballerret, 6—3, 6—0; G. Moretton beat S. Birner (Czechoslovakia), 6—2, 3—6, 6—4; C. Lewis (NZ) beat D. Bedel, 6—1, 6—1; J. Haillet beat A. Jarrett (GB), 6—4, 6—2; G. Goven beat K. Meiller (W Germany), 0—6, 6—1, 6—3; B. Fritz beat C. R. Vasselin, 6—3, 6—3; F. Della-Fontana (Argentina) beat P. MacNamee (Australia), 6—1, 6—3, 7—5; E. Deblicker beat P. Portes, 6—1, 6—0; J. Kodes (Czechoslovakia) beat A. Betancourt (Colombia), 3—6, 6—3, 6—4; Y. Noah beat C. Toulon, 6—3, 6—7, 7—5.

Cycling

WEST BERLIN: Six-day race (after 6 days): 1, D. Thurau and P. Sercu (Belgium), 190pts; 2, W. Peffgen and K. Fritz, 156; 3, G. Frank and R. Pijnen (Netherlands), 111; 4, (seven laps behind), H. Schuetz and R. Hermann (Liechtenstein), 247.

Badminton

Stevens should retain title

The defending champion, Ray Stevens, is expected to win the England Badminton Association's invitation event for the fifth time at Bath, next weekend.

Stevens, from Essex, is seeded to meet Derek Talbot in the final on Sunday, after 32 players have gone through group and knock-out stages. Paula Kilvington de*fends her title in the women's* section, but will face tough opposition from Nora Perry, her op seed, Karen Bridge and Jane Webster.

Pattison in ocean race

Tokyo, Sept 26.—Rodney Pattison, of Britain, who won a gold medal in the Flying Dutchman class in the Mexico and Munich Olympic Games, will compete in the world quarter ton class yachting championship to be held off *Sagami Bay* near here between October 27 and November 4, the Nippon Ocean Racing Club said.

American football

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Minnesota Vikings 24, Chicago Bears 20.

Today's football fixtures

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated.

European Cup

First Round (Second Leg)

Bohemians, Dublin v Omonia Nicosia (at Cork, 3.30)
Rangers v Juventus
Liverpool v Nottingham Forest
Lillestrom, Norway v Linfield

Cup Winners' Cup

First Round Second Leg

Apoel Nicosia v Shamrock Rovers (6.0)
Aberdeen v Marek Dimitrov, Bulgaria
Ballymena v Beveren, Belgium (4.0)
Ipswich v AZ 67 Alkmaar
Wrexham v Rijeka, Yugoslavia

UEFA Cup

First Round Second Leg

Dundee Utd v Standard Liege
Manchester C v Twente Enschede
West Bromwich v Galatasaray, Turkey
Lokomotiv, Leipzig v Arsenal (6.0)
IFK Norrkoping v Hibernian

Second Division

Stoke v Brighton

Third Division

Chester v Swindon Town
Chesterfield v Southend
Exeter v Colchester
Oxford United v Mansfield

Fourth Division

Bradford v Halifax
Crewe v Stockport
Reading v Torquay

Scottish First Division

Airdrie v Clydebank
Ayr v Arbroath
Dumbarton v Dundee
Hamilton v Queen of South
Montrose v Stirling Albion
St Johnstone v Raith

Scottish Second Division

Alloa v Queen's Park (8.0)
Berwick v Cowdenbeath
East Fife v Brechin City
Meadowbank v Stenhousemuir
Stranraer v Falkirk (5.15)

ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP: Quarter-final round, second leg: Celtic v Burnley.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Addlestone v Margate or Dartford; Barry v Bognor (4.30); Grantham v Aylesbury; Kettering v Telford; Waterlooville v Weymouth; Worcester v Nuneaton.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Bangor City v Northwich Vic; Scarborough v Boston Utd; Worksop v Gateshead.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE (7.45): Hoddesdon v Uxbridge.

Rugby Union

TOUR MATCH: Southern Counties v Argentina (5.0).

CLUB MATCHES: Aberillery v Llanelli (7.0); Glamorgan Wdrs v Neath (7.0); London Welsh v Esher (6.30); Nuneaton v Birmingham (7.15); Penarth v Aberavon (7.0); Pontypool v Blaenavon (7.0); Pontypridd v Cardiff (7.0).

Rugby League

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Lancashire v Yorkshire (at Widnes, 7.30).

Hockey

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: RAF v Royal Netherlands Air Force (at RAF Wyton, 2.30).

Cricket

Titmus gives up Surrey post after two years

Fred Titmus, a former Middlesex and England off spin bowler, has resigned the post of Surrey coach after holding it for two years. Titmus, aged 45, left Middlesex at the end of their championship year of 1976 to move across the river. But Surrey finished fourteenth in 1977 and sixteenth this summer. The county recently set up an inquiry committee to investigate their playing strength.

Titmus objected to the setting up of the committee. He considered that was his responsibility, having warned Surrey officials on his appointment that it would take time to bring improved results.

Raman Subba Row, the Surrey chairman said yesterday: "Having had a poor season in various com*petitions, we felt that it would be* a good idea to have the views of a committee of such experienced people as Jim Laker, Ken Barrington and Alec Bedser.

"Fred himself was a member of it, along with the captain, Roger Knight. But he sinc[...] felt it cut across his own job.

"His letter of resignatio[n has] been accepted and we thanked him for all the wo[rk he] has done for us

"The question of a appointment will not be de[...] until a thorough examinatio[n of] the cricketing side of the has been completed."

One of Titmus's last ac[...] coach was to recommend signing of the West Indian bowler, Sylvester Clark.

Norman Featherstone, M[iddle]sex's Rhodesian-born all-rou[nder] is to receive a testimonial *summer.* Featherstone j[...] Middlesex 10 years ago ar[...] their championship year h[...] the national bowling average[...]

Canberra, Sept 26.—Ma[...] Fraser, the Prime Minister of [Aus]tralia, announced today England's traditional game a[...] the Australian Prime Minister will be restored in honour o[f the] late Sir Robert Menzies.

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Rugby Union



Argentines captain, Porta, in training at Bisham Abbey

Tourists should prove strong scrummagers

Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

The Argentines have brought so many new players with them on this short tour that no-one knows quite what their form will be in the first match against Southern Counties, at Oxford, this afternoon, a match sponsored by Lovell & Ballard. If they have shrugged off the effects of a long journey they ought at least to be match fit, because the rugby season in their country is coming to an end. It will be a surprise, at least, if they do not live up to reputation by scrummaging effectively.

The two men with previous experience of conditions here—the stand off and captain, and Sansot, a full back—are both playing, and it appears that the touring side are fielding something close to what they regard as being their strongest team. It includes one lock, Iachetti, who according to the biographical details stands over 6ft 6in and weighs in at more than 18st, and another, Travaglini, who is almost as tall.

The Counties had a game against Oxford (town not gown) last week and will be hoping to tighten up their lineout play, described by the coach, Neil Pidduck, as being something of a disaster area on that occasion. Their forwards were loose in the loose too. However, they had a second hard practice on Sunday and no doubt there will be improvement in these areas today.

Pidduck thinks the Counties should be stronger than they were three years ago, against the Australians, who beat them 33—14. Their fullback then was the Wasp, Geoffrey Richards, who subsequently emigrated to Australia and this summer played in two internationals for his adopted country in New Zealand.

Today the Counties have an experienced club combination at half back, Wright and George, and the two London Welsh players, Rees and Ellis-Jones, should provide plenty of pace on the wings. Rees is one of two survivors from the side that played the Wallabies, the other being Jackson, the Bedford loose forward. Jackson was captain in 1975 but now yields command to Wright, who was England's stand-off half seven years ago.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES: J. Gale (Henley and Oxon); C. Rees (London Welsh and Berks), D. Course (Richmond and Berks), B. Reynolds (London Welsh and Berks), R. Ellis-Jones (London Welsh and Berks); J. Wright (Rosslyn Park and Oxon), C. George (Rosslyn Park and Oxon); C. Pearce (Northampton and Bucks), A. Jenkins (Henley and Oxon), P. Rendell (Wasps and Bucks), J. Orwin (Gloucester and Oxon), J. Mawle (Bedford and Oxon), J. Cook (High Wycombe and Bucks), D. Jackson (Bedford and Oxon), C. Sharpe (Richmond and Bucks).

ARGENTINA XV: M. Sansot; A. Puccio, R. Madero, M. H. Loffreda, A. Capelletti; H. Porta, R. T. Landajo; A. Cerioni, R. Seaton, H. Nicola, G. Travaglini, A. Iachetti, T. Petersen, H. Silva, C. M. Serrano.

Referee: J.-P. Bonnet (France).

Neary gets an early chance to impress the selectors

The Argentine tourists face nine England internationals when they meet the North Division in the third match of their tour at Headingley on October 4. Beaumont, the current England captain, leads a powerful team which is one of nine Lancashire players in the side.

Although he has resumed playing first class rugby, the former England captain, Uttley, is not included in the squad. He spent months recovering from a back injury and returned to Gosforth's side last Saturday. Moss, of Orrell, fills the number eight spot and is flanked by Uttley's club colleague Dixon, and Neary who has an early chance to convince the England selectors that he should be reinstated.

Horton and Young, the current England half backs, team up again in a back division containing three more internationals—full back Caplan, and wings Squires and Slemen. Young Lancashire centres Bond, who toured Argentina with England B, and Moss complete the backs.

Old, who made way for Horton after England's defeat against France in Paris last season, is among the replacements. Beaumont is joined by three other British Lions in the pack in Neary, Dixon and Neary. Pacey, who made his first county appearance last season, is given an opportunity at hooker.

Moseley, still without a win in a Saturday game this season, make two changes from the side which lost narrowly at Llanelli last week for their home game on Saturday against unbeaten Cardiff at The Reddings. Akenhead is not available and is replaced at full back by Meanwell while Fiskin returns on the wing in place of Laird.

Representative calls and injury have hit Blackheath for their match at Coventry. Hartley, Bell and Wolstenholme will be replacements for London against the Argentines and the Army and Jackson is required for the Combined Services. In addition number eight Driscoll sustained a broken leg in last week's victory over Northampton.

The former England youth player, Crust, switches to his regular position at right centre with Bodenham returning on the left wing after injury. Bullock, the North Midlands and former Nottingham scrum half, will make his first appearance for Blackheath in place of Hartley with Oliver replacing Bignell as flanker and Gregory comes in for Driscoll.

Nottingham's leading try-scorer last season, the flanker Robertson, makes his first appearance for Saracens at Leicester. Robertson comes in for Richards as Saracens try for their first victory over Leicester. Another change is at lock where Morris comes in for Crickmore. But regular lock Jaszczak has a recurrence of an old knee injury and could be out for a long time.

Leicester introduce Reichwald at stand off instead of Bleddyn Jones, hoping to improve on the unhappy performance by their backs against Harlequins last week. Reichwald played for the last few minutes of the game as a replacement centre for Hall, who has now recovered. Leicester hope to have their regular right wing Duggan and lock Joyce available after injury and illness respectively.

London Irish, who lost their unbeaten record when they went down 6—4 to Rosslyn Park last week, are unchanged against London Scottish at Richmond Athletic Ground. The Irish, who drew 3—3 with the London merit table champions last season, retain flanker Boylan who gained his first team chance last Saturday at the expense of the injured Walter Jones. Scottish are strengthened by the return of the centre Gordon, the hooker Pickering and the international lock McHarg.

Montgomery, a student at Kingston Polytechnic, makes his first senior appearance for Rosslyn Park in their London merit table match against Richmond at Roehampton on Friday (7.30). Montgomery plays at flanker in place of Mordell who, with number eight Ripley and lock Mantell, are playing against the Argentines. But the pack is strengthened by the return of the prop forward Barlow.

NORTH DIVISION (v Argentina): D. W. N. Caplan (Headingley and Yorkshire); P. J. Squires (Harrogate and Yorkshire), A. M. Bond (Sale and Lancashire), W. Lyon (Orrell and Lancashire), M. A. C. Slemen (Liverpool and Lancashire); J. P. Horton (Bath and Lancashire), M. Young (Gosforth and Northumberland); F. E. Cotton (Sale and Lancashire), K. Pacey (Broughton Park and Lancashire), J. H. Bell (Gosforth and Yorkshire), W. B. Beaumont (captain, Fylde and Lancashire), J. Butler (Gosforth and Cumberland), P. Dixon (Gosforth and Cumberland), P. Moss (Orrell and Lancashire), A. Neary (Broughton Park and Lancashire). Replacements: J. Carleton (Orrell and Lancashire), A. G. B. Old (Sheffield and Yorkshire), S. J. Smith (Sale and Cheshire), S. Miles (New Brighton and Cheshire), P. Hryschko (Wakefield and Yorkshire), K. Higgins (Wakefield and Yorkshire).

Equestrianism

McMahon and Streamline have the last word

Pamela Macgregor Morris

Paddy McMahon and Mr Cunningham's Streamline won the Himalayan Stakes on the first day of the Everest Double Glazing Show at Park Farm arena, Northwood, yesterday. Alan Ball, the course builder, played them in gently and there were 14 clear rounds to jump off over a six-fence barrage course, including a double, and a treble. But only two stayed clear to go into the final.

John Whitaker and Ryan's Son, who was short-listed for the last British Olympic team, were clear in the final wall in the best time of the competition, 38.5 seconds. They were followed immediately by David Broome with Philco, who had the first part of the double down when going for a slow clear round.

Harvey Smith had made two mistakes on Sanyo Cadnica, and it was not until two from the end that Peter Robeson went clear on Grebe in 40.1 seconds. He was immediately overtaken, in 38.6 seconds, by McMahon on Streamline.

HIMALAYAN STAKES: 1, P. McMahon's Streamline; 2, P. Robeson's Grebe; 3, J. Whitaker's Ryan's Son.

Racing

Acamas may be best value in Arc after impressive Chantilly gallop

By Michael Seely

Confidence abounds in both the Irish and the French camps that their respective champions can win the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Sunday. All the aircraft from Dublin to Paris are already fully booked. And the Irish punters, their pockets stuffed with bank notes, are reported to be on their way to England in order to seek alternative routes to Longchamp.

After Alleged's record-breaking victory in the Prix du Prince d'Orange Robert Sangster's four-year-old is considered to be past the post in Europe's richest race. And hopes are equally high that Solinus can give Vincent O'Brien the first leg of a unique double by capturing the Prix de l'Abbaye, France's only group one event run over five furlongs.

However, yesterday morning on Chantilly racecourse, Acamas ridden by Yves Saint-Martin toyed with Nassiri, Sharazar and Adjaridain in a gallop over a mile and three furlongs. Desmond Stoneham, our French Racing Correspondent, says that Acamas beat Nassiri far more easily than in their previous work together and that the French Derby winner was hardly blowing at all after the spin.

The Aga Khan was not present, but Francois Mathet, the trainer, was delighted with Acamas's performance. Even Captain Tim Rogers, one of the colt's part owners and not a man who is given to over-optimism, was heard to remark: "He's got to run after that."

Alec Head, however, was also in a buoyant mood after both his candidates, *Dancing Maid* and *Gay Mecene*, had given every satisfaction in their final serious workouts. "I'm sure to beat the other three-year-olds", the trainer said after both horses had impressed in separate gallops over 10 furlongs. After much thought, Freddie Head has opted for the Prix Vermeille winner, Dancing Maid leaving Jean Claude Desaint to partner Gay Mecene.

As usual, Dancing Maid showed the superior turn of foot. But the trainer's opinion is divided between the pair. Gay Mecene was a June foal and has been given plenty of time to develop his full strength. And the Vaguely Noble colt, who has won his last two races at St-Cloud and at Longchamp, may well have more stamina for the hurly-burly of Sunday's test than the filly.

The race poses its usual fascinating problems. The burning question is whether Alleged represents good value at his present price of 6-4. The weight of money which was piled on the favourite at 9-4 and the mere fact that connexions are prepared to risk last year's winner for the second time when is reputation is already firmly established, speaks volumes for the confidence at Ballydoyle.

Alleged's detractors claim that Lester Piggott stole the 1977 race with his front-running tactics. But a rider can only go as fast as his horse and Alleged has shown on several occasions that speed is his main asset. But his current odds are extremely cramped considered in the context of the history of the race.

Major David Swannell, the senior Jockey Club handicapper expresses his opinion of each generation in terms of weight. A top-class classic winner is rated at 100. Last year, he assessed Alleged at 98 compared with Sea Bird II's rating of 110, Mill Reef of 105, and that of Nijinsky at 104. And remember Nijinsky failed to beat Sassafras in that dramatic finish in 1970. So, is a horse assessed 2lb below the Swannell "norm" entitled to be 6-4 for the Arc with a horse of Acamas's potential standing at 11-2.

To my dying day I will never forget how far Acamas was behind the leaders racing out of Swinley Bottom in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes. The Mill Reef colt was not at ease on the firm ground that afternoon, and in addition had not recovered from the effects of his hard race in the Prix du Jockey Club. But despite hanging in the last furlong, Acamas still managed to finish only one and a half lengths behind Ile de Bourbon and a neck in front of the subsequent Benson and Hedges Gold Cup winner, Hawaiian Sound.

At Beverley this afternoon, that spirited gelding, Epsom Imp, should have too much stamina for Vilgora over five furlongs in the Raffingora Stakes. In the Leven Nursery Handicap the top weight, Michael Stoute's great Yarmouth winner Markie, is sure to make a bold attempt under 9st 7lb. But I shall leave this to Bill Watt's Quaker Star whose running over shorter distances has suggested that he will be well-suited by this afternoon's mile. And although Henry Cecil continues to carry all before him, Daniel Wildenstein's York winner, Southern Seas, may not be able to cope with Bradden in the two-mile Burton Agnes Stakes.

Jockey Club clear Eddery and Callaghan

The reigning champion jockey, Patrick Eddery, and the trainer, Neville Callaghan, were today cleared by the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee of any breach of the rules of racing concerning the running of Colonel Parker at Newmarket in July. The committee inquired into the running of Colonel Parker in the Pampisford Handicap at Newmarket on July 28 when Eddery's explanation, and that of Callaghan, failed to satisfy the local stewards.

The Newmarket officials referred the case to the Jockey Club after the three-year-old, starting at 16-1 and carrying top weight, had finished strongly to be seventh of 11 behind Arctic Tribune.

After hearing evidence from Callaghan and Eddery, who were legally represented, and from other witnesses, and having viewed the patrol film of the race, the committee was satisfied that no breach of the rules had taken place. However, the committee warned Callaghan to exercise sufficient care in overseeing the condition of his horses at the time of racing, and told him to be more careful about future statements he made at stewards inquiries.

Afterwards, Eddery said: "I rode the horse to the best of my ability. I have nothing to be worried about. I have only been up to Portman Square once before, and I will not say that I am exactly relieved at the outcome. I expected it."



Palei (right) fights back to head Goblin, with Swell Fellow, the odds-on favourite, third.

Palei, the Wildenstein understudy, secures a starring role at last

The role of pacemaker can be heartbreaking, but Daniel Wildenstein's Palei demonstrated that his courage is unimpaired with a game comeback which robbed Goblin of the honours in the last yars of the Upham Stakes at Lingfield Park yesterday.

The odds seemed stacked against the winner as, not only had he not raced since cutting out the pace for Buckskin's unsuccessful effort in the Ascot Gold Cup three months ago, but his winning form in France had been on going ranging from heavy to good. Here it was bone hard, because of the decision not to water.

It looked like Ascot all over again when, after leading from the start, the six-year-old gave way to his two rivals, the odds-on Swell Fellow and Goblin, with a quarter of a mile left. But, as Goblin mastered the favourite approaching the furlong marker, Joe Mercer got a fine response from Palei, and they snatched a head verdict. "The ground made no difference, he was really brave", Mercer said as he dismounted.

Palei was yet another to pay tribute to the skill of the absent Henry Cecil, who took over the 12 horses that Mr Wildenstein had with Peter Walwyn, on July 12. They have now gained seven victories including Buckskin's Doncaster Cup triumph.

Rose of Shenfield, successful in heavy ground at Windsor in the spring, also showed no dislike of the fast surface when coming home two and a half lengths clear of the favourite, Swinging Trio, in the Walton Nursery Handicap. "That's her twelfth outing, she simply loves racing" Michael Haynes, the trainer, said, adding "The only time she gallops is on the course. She's trained on the lunging rein at home, and she cost only 200 guineas."

Haynes' boasts a graph of steady success. He began four years ago with a score of seven followed by eight, then nine and now he has already reached 12. The winner was partnered by Arthur Pitt's up-and-coming apprentice, Joe Blanks. It was the ninth of the season for the 22-year-old apprentice and his first since losing the 7 lb allowance.

William Carson was the star attraction at Leicester yesterday with fancied mounts in five races. But whereas he rode only one winner—Murat—John Reid stole the limelight with a brilliant double on Jazz King (8-1) and Hampshire (6-1). Jazz King was his fiftieth winner of the season.

Devon NH

2.30 BALFOUR HURDLE (Maidens: £438: 2m 40yd)

Candlewick Green, 7-11-5 ... Brisbourne 4
Scooble, 7-11-5 ... G. Williams 8
Aramyth, 5-11-0 ... Knight 4
Desert Sands, 4-11-0 ... May
Quantock Mauger, 4-11-0 ... Forsey
Trebarwith Girl, 4-11-0 ... J. Williams

7-4 Candlewick Green, 3-1 Desert Sands, 4-1 Trebarwith Girl, 8-1 Aramyth, 8-1 Quantock Mauger, 12-1 Scooble.

3.0 COURTENAY NOVICES' CHASE (Novices: £679: 2m 40yd)

221- Master Smudge, 6-11-7 ... Hoare 4
0/4 Solentown, 6-11-7 ... Kerwick
224 Straight Thorn, 10-11-7 ... J. Williams
00-4 Quantock Sneaker, 6-11-3 ... Forsey

Evens Straight Thorn, 3-1 Master Smudge, 4-1 Solentown, 5-1 Quantock Sneaker.

3.30 PETERS NOVICES' SELLING HURDLE (Novices: £362: 2m 40yd)

000 Compton Pipedream, 7-11-5 ... Dungen 7
f-40 Golda M, 5-11-5 ... Bedwer 4
040 Johnny Kenny, 9-11-5 ... May
000- Kininvie, 5-11-5 ... Mr Dunn
000 Rugamuss, 6-11-5 ... Muggeridge 7
000- Swallow Catcher, 5-11-5 ... J. Hallett
up-0 Westgate Falcon, 7-11-5 ... Mr Darlington 7
00- Baby Kate, 4-11-0 ... M. Williams 7
f- Miss Gold, 4-11-0 ... Mr Heasman
00- Ock Brook, 4-11-0 ... Emes

2-1 Rugamuss, 3-1 Golda M, 4-1 Ock Brook, 5-1 Kininvie, 10-1 Baby Kate, 12-1 Westgate Falcon, 16-1 others.

4.0 JOHN LUMLEY CUP CHASE (Handicap: £1,053: 3m 1f)

112 Pine Lodge, 12-11-11 ... Barton
101 Kelly's Hero, 10-11-8 ... Smith-Eccles

4-6 Pine Lodge, 11-8 Kelly's Hero.

4.30 "WELL TO DO" TROPHY HURDLE (Handicap: £889: 2m 3f)

221- Given, 6-12-5 ... Jenkins
200 Green-Fingered, 4-10-10 ... R. Evans
p-43 Personal Call, 5-10-9 ... Atkins
043 Shoot The Lights, 7-10-0 ... Miss Vickery 7

5-4 Given, 7-4 Green-Fingered, 4-1 Personal Call, 10-1 Shoot The Lights.

5.0 ACLAND CHASE (Handicap: £1,056: 2m 3f)

pp0- Hill Fly, 6-10-10 ... Studderidge 7
pp-5- Indubitably, 7-10-7 ... J. Williams

4-7 Indubitably, 15-8 Hill Fly.

SELECTIONS: 2.30 Trebarwith Girl, 3.0 Straight Thorn, 3.30 Kininvie, 4.0 Kelly's Hero, 4.30 Given, 5.0 Indubitably.

STATE OF GOING (official): Beverley: Firm. Perth: Good. Cheltenham: Firm. Devon and Exeter: Hard. Ascot (tomorrow): Firm. Worcester (tomorrow): Steeplechase course, good to firm; hurdles, firm (watered).

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Dewhurst Stakes, Newmarket: Giggle Ghost, Win the Wind. Challenge Stakes, Newmarket: Go Skyfram, Tesyara. Birchworth, James. Lane Handicap, Ascot: Chop Gale, Conte Santi, Connors.

Beverley programme

2.15 BURTON AGNES STAKES (3-y-o: £1,632: 2m)

1 232312 Bradden (CD), B. Hills, 9-0 ... E. Johnson 4
3 0-01400 Ellonslad, P. Kelleway, 9-0 ... G. Duffield 3
4 00011 Southern Seas, H. Cecil, 9-0 ... J. Mercer 2
9 424322 Hand Over Fist (B), S. Nesbitt, 8-10 ... T. Ives 1

7-4 Southern Seas, 2-1 Bradden, 11-4 Hand Over Fist, 6-1 Ellonslad.

2.45 LEVEN HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,364: 1m)

1 021 Markie, M. Stoute, 9-7 ... G. Starkey 8
5 004100 Thumps, M. H. Easterby, 9-3 ... M. Birch 5
7 400 Quaker Star, J. W. Watts, 8-12 ... A. Mercer 3
8 200000 King Roma, Doug Smith, 8-10 ... M. Thomas 6
11 030003 Last Captive, W. Marshall, 8-6 ... R. Marshall 7
12 100000 Fraserhold Boy, M. W. Easterby, 8-5 ... T. Ives 4
14 320 Mandabo, M. Prescott, 8-5 ... G. Duffield 1
17 001 Sykolia (D), C. Brittain, 7-12 ... P. Bradwell 7 6
19 002000 Card Palmer, R. Hobson, 7-7 ... K. Darley 5 9

13-8 Markie, 3-1 Sykolia, 9-2 Last Captive, 5-1 Mandabo, 7-1 Thumps, 12-1 others.

3.15 RAFFINGORA SWEEPSTAKES (£2,008: 5f)

3 222231 Epsom Imp (D), J. Holt, 5-10-0 ... P. Waldron 5
5 040022 Vilgora (D), R. Hannon, 6-10-0 ... S. Perks 3
4 011004 I Don't Mind (CD), J. Berry, 4-9-11 ... E. Apter 6
7 003200 Song's First (CD), S. Nesbitt, 6-9-11 ... G. Moore 4
8 01-4000 Latest Model, R. D. Peacock, 4-9-7 ... E. Johnson 2
9 030043 Gruinard (D), P. Kelleway, 3-8-12 ... G. Duffield 1

8-11 Epsom Imp, 11-4 Vilgora, 8-1 I Don't Mind, 10-1 Latest Model, 20-1 Gruinard, 33-1 Song's First.

3.45 WILLERBY STAKES (Div I: Maiden 2-y-o fillies: £774: 1m)

2 00 Ann Star, G. Toft, 8-11 ... E. Apter 14
4 00 Bunnycraft, M. W. Easterby, 8-11 ... C. Moss 6
10 000 Cougar's Surprise, B. Hills, 8-11 ... E. Johnson 10
16 00 Gay Walk, Miss S. Hall, 8-11 ... M. Birch 7
18 0 Glonalisa, J. Fitzgerald, 8-11 ... —
19 0 Glendyne, C. Thornton, 8-11 ... J. Bleasdale 9
21 004003 Hot Lips Moll, W. Marshall, 8-11 ... P. Perkins 4
36 000 Lorenzan, W. Elsey, 8-11 ... J. Mercer 2
38 000 Loyal And Regal, W. Wharton, 8-11 ... W. Wharton 5 8
34 00000 Mitzi Bell, V. Mitchell, 8-11 ... P. Tulk 12
37 00 Mulberry Fool, J. W. Watts, 8-11 ... J. Lowe 5
39 0002 Novina, C. Brittain, 8-11 ... E. Hide 11
40 30 Ottoline, E. Weymes, 8-11 ... G. Duffield 15
49 430 Renovation, E. Weymes, 8-11 ... C. Eccleston 1
51 00204 River Reed, W. C. Watts, 8-11 ... D. Nicholls 5 13
58 3 Wheel Grace, J. Etherington, 8-11 ... M. Wigham 16

100-30 Novina, 4-1 Wheel Grace, 8-1 Ottoline, 11-2 Renovation, 6-1 River Reed, 8-1 Cougar's Surprise, Mulberry Fool, 14-1 others.

4.15 CHERRY BURTON HANDICAP (£1,075: 1½m)

2 0-01030 Never Say Guy (D), C. Thornton, 4-9-9 ... J. Bleasdale 4
3 011120 Hardy Turk (D), C. Thornton, 7-9-9 ... O. Gray 7
4 10-0400 Ballyloquo (D), W. Wharton, 4-9-7 ... W. Wharton 5 3
12 014002 My Wellie (D), W. C. Watts, 5-8-9 ... D. Nicholls 5 6
14 031013 Farthing (D), W. Elsey, 5-8-7 ... S. Hadley 7 8
15 4-0 Baltic Love, C. Blum, 6-8-7 ... —
17 020033 Solo Reign (D), R. Hollinshead, 5-8-1 ... M. Wigham 1
20 0- Bakewa, W. Haigh, 4-7-7 ... K. Darley 5 5

2-1 My Wellie, 5-2 Solo Reign, 7-2 Farthing, 5-1 Hardy Turk, 8-1 Never Say Guy, 12-1 others.

4.45 WEEL HANDICAP (£1,525: 1m)

2 014000 Reppin Castle (CD), J. Skilling, 4-10-0 ... D. Nicholls 5 7
5 222103 Steel City, M. Camacho, 4-9-6 ... — 9
13 03-3000 Celestial Gem (B,D), C. Brittain, 4-8-6 ... E. Hide 13
16 244040 Gold Loom, W. Gray, 5-8-3 ... E. Apter 8
17 4104-00 Ninive (CD), W. Elsey, 4-8-2 ... M. Wigham 14
18 132114 Priestcroft Boy (CD), M. H. Easterby, 5-8-2 ... M. Birch 10
19 200021 Prince (B), J. Cousins, 4-8-0 ... E. Johnson 12
20 000001 Sir Destrier (C), R. Hollinshead, 5-7-12 ... J. Haynes 7 15
25 030400 Forlorna, C. Blum, 4-7-7 ... — 1
26 400300 Balranald (D), H. Westbrook, 6-7-7 ... J. Lowe 11
27 300002 Hunting Willy (D), W. Guest, 4-7-7 ... N. Howe 5 4
28 023-000 Gay Twenties, R. Carter, 4-7-7 ... — 2
31 000402 Saintly Lady, P. Asquith, 3-7-7 ... A. Nesbitt 7 5
35 3000 Velvet Cap II, B. McLean, 7-7-7 ... L. Charnock 6
36 00000-0 Whistler's Princess, A. Fisher, 4-7-7 ... K. Leason 3

4-1 Steel City, 9-2 Prince, 5-1 Priestcroft Boy, 6-1 Hunting Willy, Saintly Lady, 8-1 Sir Destrier, Ninive, 10-1 Celestial Gem, 12-1 others.

5.15 ARRAM APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£1,164: 5f)

1 404010 Petard (CD), W. C. Watts, 4-10-0 ... D. Nicholls 5
3 0000-00 Clear Melody (D), S. Nesbitt, 7-8-3 ... E. McLaughlin 7 8
6 313221 Rosellio (D), M. Prescott, 4-8-3 ... C. Nutter 11
8 430003 Knight (D), W. Wharton, 5-7-13 ... W. Wharton 1
9 213140 Thorganby (B,D), R. Hobson, 3-7-13 ... J. Blanks 7
11 203022 Got Involved (D), D. Marks, 4-7-10 ... N. Howe 10
12 002004 Yoohoo (D), C. Booth, 4-7-10 ... — 3
17 000004 White Emperor (CD), R. Hollinshead, 6-7-7 ... K. Darley 6
19 000000 Star Kid (D), V. Mitchell, 5-7-7 ... C. Rodrigues 5 2
20 021024 Sharp Lady, J. Berry, 3-7-7 ... A. Mercer 4
24 030003 Petiti, P. Asquith, 3-7-7 ... M. Eatwell 7 9

7-2 Rosellio, 4-1 Yoohoo, 11-2 Petard, 6-1 Sharp Lady, 8-1 Got Involved, White Emperor, 10-1 Knight, Thorganby, 12-1 others.

5.45 WILLERBY STAKES (Div II: Maiden 2-y-o fillies: £774: 1m)

1 0 Always Vigilant, W. Haigh, 8-11 ... G. Oldroyd 4
6 402 Cambral, J. Fitzgerald, 8-11 ... E. Johnson 15
8 00033 Classic Athena, A. Jarvis, 8-11 ... S. Jarvis 5 14
13 00 Eight Times, P. Rohan, 8-11 ... C. Dwyer 1
20 043 Green Lass, Thomson Jones, 8-11 ... M. Wigham 13
23 — Irish Lace, J. W. Watts, 8-11 ... J. Lowe 6
33 4 Juhayna, M. Prescott, 8-11 ... G. Duffield 2
32 00 Louisp, W. R. Bass, 8-11 ... A. Bond 10
35 0600 Moss Kind, W. Wharton, 8-11 ... W. Wharton 5 5
38 04 My Saint Anne, Hbt Jones, 8-11 ... M. Birch 8
41 000 Owonansea, B. Wilkinson, 8-11 ... S. Webster 12
44 0 Pendle's Secret, E. Weymes, 8-11 ... C. Eccleston 9
46 00 Plethorae, M. W. Easterby, 8-11 ... C. Moss 6
55 022420 Sara Kelly, G. Blum, 8-11 ... M. L. Thomas 3
63 20 Sioux Blessed, C. Thornton, 8-11 ... J. Bleasdale 11

15-8 Classic Athena, 7-2 Juhayna, 9-2 Sioux Blessed, 8-1 Green Lass, 10-1 Cambral, Louisp, 12-1 Irish Lace, 14-1 others.

* Doubtful runner

Beverley selections

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2.15 Bradden. 2.45 Quaker Star. 3.15 Epsom Imp. 3.45 Novina. 4.15 My Wellie. 4.45 Saintly Lady. 5.15 Yoohoo. 5.45 Sioux Blessed.

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2.15 Southern Seas. 2.45 Mandabo. 3.15 Gruinard. 3.45 Novina. 4.45 Celestial Gem. 5.15 Rosellio. 5.45 Green Lass.

Cheltenham NH programme

2.15 JUNIOR NOVICES' HURDLE (3-y-o: £779: 2m 200yd)

3 12 Elect, O. O'Neill, 11-1 ... K. Whyte
4 f0130 Mavilsa, V. Cross, 11-1 ... J. Guest
5 212 William the First, T. Forster, 11-1 ... J. Francome
6 Close Call, R. Turnell, 10-10 ... A. Turnell
9 Diowlofit, J. Powncy, 10-10 ... I. Watkinson
11 Even Par, T. Marshall, 10-10 ... C. Brown
13 Follifoot's Folly, W. R. Williams, 10-10 ... M. Barrett
14 03 Forgetaboutim, L. Kennard, 10-10 ... Miss L. Vincent
17 Haldoon, F. Rimell, 10-10 ... C. Tinkler
18 00 Joscelina, A. Jarvis, 10-10 ... J. Kercy
19 02d02 Lilah Helen, R. Hollinshead, 10-10 ... C. Astbury
21 Manor Royal, W. Turner, 10-10 ... Mr R. Long
28 2300 Prince Motacilla, Mrs J. Pitman, 10-10 ... B. Smart
31 Tudor Road, V. Cross, 10-10 ... F. McKenna
33 Two Coppers, L. Kennard, 10-10 ... J. King

9-4 Elect, 3-1 William the First, 9-2 Forgetaboutim, 8-1 Lilah Helen, 10-1 Mavilsa, 12-1 others.

2.45 LECHLADE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,207: 2m)

204 03410-1 Toussaint (CD), M. Oliver, 6-11-6 ... R. Crank
206 42u322 Sky Myth, L. Kennard, 6-11-6 ... J. King
208 00f00- Archbold, F. Winter, 7-11-3 ... J. Francome
210 331314 Ellerby Lord, Mrs J. Cundall, 10-10-10 ... M. Lowry
212 0f0-000 John Boy (CD), D. Edmunds, 8-10-0 ... J. Southern

13-8 Toussaint, 2-1 Sky Myth, 4-1 Ellerby Lord, 11-2 Archbold, 20-1 John Boy.

3.20 DURSLEY HANDICAP HURDLE (£881: 2½m)

302 12-1112 Glissando (BF), D. Morley, 5-11-12 ... B. Davies
305 000300 Grey Dove (B), G. H. Price, 9-11-9 ... C. Price
305 03323-0 Palace, L. Kennard, 6-10-8 ... Mr A. Walther
306 234111- Scot Lane, M. Tate, 5-10-7 ... C. Smith
309 320040- Tranby, A. W. Jones, 7-10-0 ... C. Tinkler

6-4 Glissando, 5-2 Scot Lane, 4-1 Palace, 8-1 Grey Dove, 12-1 Tranby.

3.55 BISHOPS CLEEVE HURDLE (4-y-o: £799: 2m 200yd)

403 40d-111 Charlton Fox, Miss S. Morris, 11-0 ... J. Butchard
404 1000-00 Divinity, F. Winter, 11-0 ... J. Francome
406 211220 Gold TV, W. Clay, 11-0 ... N. Clay
407 1104-32 Grand Hussar, L. Kennard, 11-0 ... Miss L. Vincent
408 0-00 Hally Boy, D. Lewis, 11-0 ... R. Hyett
409 0-03441 Irish Bank, F. Walwyn, 11-0 ... W. Smith

9-4 Charlton Fox, 11-4 Grand Hussar, 7-2 Irish Bank, 7-1 Gold TV, 12-1 Divinity, 20-1 Hally Boy.

4.30 ASHCHURCH HANICAP CHASE (£1,158: 3m 1f)

503 0370-13 Roman Holiday (CD), C. Bewicke, 14-11-12 ... J. King
504 1031-32 Persian Frieze, P. Walwyn, 8-11-9 ... W. Smith
505 233000- The Pilgarlic, F. Rimell, 10-11-6 ... C. Tinkler
509 021414- Three Gems (C,D), M. Oliver, 7-10-11 ... R. Crank

5-4 Persian Frieze, 5-2 Roman Holiday, 4-1 Three Gems, 5-1 The Pilgarlic.

5.00 SEPTEMBER LONG DISTANCE NOVICES' HURDLE (£693: 3m)

601 3224b1 Kloten, F. Edward, 6-11-13 ... Mr G. Edwards
602 Alba Rotter, J. Wardle, 5-11-8 ... M. Floyd
604 0- Autumn Rambler, R. Tate, 8-11-8 ... C. Tinkler
606 p00-432 Court Express, J. Thorne, 5-11-8 ... Miss J. Thorne
610 00 Bow Be On, H. Payne, 5-11-8 ... P. Hobbs
611 00000- Jockey, D. Lewis, 8-11-8 ... P. Wiggins
614 02 Quick Charge, Miss S. Harris, 6-11-8 ... Mr J. Sharpe
617 01204-3 Satalis, W. A. Stephenson, 7-11-8 ... Mr K. Jewitt
620 Wash Brook, F. Winter, 5-11-8 ... J. Francome
622 430-023 Le Doran, W. Clay, 4-11-0 ... N. Clay

7-4 Court Express, 7-2 Kloten, 4-1 Le Doran, 11-2 Satalis, 8-1 Quick Charge, 12-1 others.

Cheltenham selections

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2.15 William The First. 2.45 Sky Myth. 3.20 Glissando. 3.55 Charlton Fox. 4.30 Three Gems. 5.0 Court Express.

Lingfield results

2.30 (2.33) FINDON STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £1,736: 7f)

Kalazero, gr f, by Kalamoun—Rouette (D. Prenn) 8-8 ... A. Kimberley (15-8 jt fav) 1
Nicely Naughty, b f, by Calpurnius—Manila (G. Shemilt) 8-8 ... G. Starkey (9-4) 2
Dodham Vale, c f, by Dike—Valley Farm (L. O'Brien) 8-8 ... B. Rouse (15-8 jt fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 20-1 Carrington (4th), 40-1 Lady Eolus, 100-1 Roman Star, Double Dance. 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 61p; places, 15p, 15p; dual forecast, 58p. J. Winter, at Newmarket. 1l, 4l. 1min 25.91sec.

3.0 ARUNDEL HANDICAP (£1,363: 2m)

Flying Empress, b f, by Young Emperor—Flying Fancy (Exors of the late A. Johnstone) 4-8-4 ... P. Cook (5-2) 1
Ernel, ch c, by Sassafras—Betraying Pin (F. Davey) 4-7-9 ... M. Roberts (15-8) 2
Hardirondo, b m, by Hardicanute—Tolondo (P. Irgar) 5-8-13 ... G. Starkey (7-4 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 14-1 Hill Station (4th), 50-1 Coffee Bob. 5 ran.

TOTE: Win, 35p; dual forecast, 46p. G. Pritchard-Gordon, at Newmarket. 1l, hd. 3min 20.88sec.

3.30 (3.30) UPHAM STAKES (£3,448: 1½m)

Palei, b h, by Tomnion—Palo Pink (D. Wildenstein) 6-9-0 ... J. Mercer (5-2) 1
Goblin, ch c, by Sun Prince—Rocelle (W. Douglas-Home) 3-8-5 ... G. Baxter (11-2) 2
Swell Fellow, b g, by Giolla Mear—Nonnie (Lord J. Crichton Stuart) 7-9-0, G. Starkey (8-13) 3

TOTE: Win, 30p; dual forecast, 33p. H. Cecil, at Newmarket. 3 ran. Hd, 3l. 2min 36.25sec.

4.0 (4.1) WALTON HANDICAP (2-y-o: £2,565: 6f)

Rose of Shenfield, bf, by Upper Case—Singing Witch (J. Childs), 7-9 ... J. Blanks (3-1) 1
Swinging Trio, ch c, by Swing Easy—Algarve (T. Mills), 8-9 ... J. Mercer (13-8 fav) 2
Kindly Look, gr c, by Supreme Gift—Another Clare (K. Girling), 7-7 ... C. Leonard (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 3-1 City Link Lass (4th), 25-1 Lofty Lad. 5 ran.

TOTE: Win, 33p; dual forecast, 52p. M. J. Haynes, at Epsom. 2½l, hd. 1min 10.84sec.

4.30 (4.31) CHARING HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,133: 7f 140yds)

Landa's Friend, ch g, by Be Friendly—Amara (G. Dawes), 7-8 ... N. Howe (5-1) 1
Royal Companion, ch c, by King's Company—Darling Bud (J. Urbano), 8-1 ... S. Young (10-1) 2
Double Finesse, b f, by Double Jump—Horus Blue (Mrs P. Rossdale), 8-8 ... G. Starkey (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Kamala, 9-1 Grey Fusilier, 10-1 Main Ingredient, 14-1 Countess Virginia (4th), Lady of the Night, 20-1 Sunday Morning, 25-1 Miss Cameron, 50-1 Roma. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 59p; places, 16p, 32p, 20p; dual forecast, £5.96. P. Ashworth, at Epsom. 1½l, 3l. 1min 29.05sec.

5.0 (5.1) LEWES STAKES (2-y-o: £1,321: 6f)

Lady of Wales, ch f, by Welsh Pageant—Devastating (J. Hambro), 8-11 ... J. Mercer (8-15) 1
Amber Town, ch c, by Amber Rama—Mantu (Mrs D. Haynes), 9-0 ... G. Starkey (4-1) 2
Solar Gift, b c, by Frankincense—Sunsaly (J. Horgan), 9-0 ... P. Cook (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-1 Fulham Road (4th), 25-1 Karibu.

TOTE: Win, 15p; dual forecast, 25p. B. Hobbs, at Newmarket. Hd, 5l. 1min 12.35sec.

TOTE DOUBLE: Palei and Landa's Friend, £13.55. TREBLE: Flying Empress, Rose of Shenfield and Lady of Wales, £31.55. JACKPOT: £141.45. PLACEPOT: £160.75.

Hamilton Park

2.15 (2.16) AVONDALE STAKES (£1,324: 1m 1f 40yd)

Robin Hood, br c, by Tudor Melody—Hirondelle (G. Reed) 3-8-7 ... J. Bleasdale (5-1) 1
Four Johns ... M. Wigham (25-1) 2
Lampion ... M. Birch (4-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Lauren Sona, 3-1 Buckram, 25-1 Netherleigh, Cousin Ribby (4th), Eastern Symphony, Gleaning, Sliquid. 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, 44p; places, 17p, 45p, 11p; dual forecast, £23.41. C. Thornton, at Middleham. 3l, ½l. Amanco did not run.

2.45 REDERECH STAKES (3-y-o: £533: 1m 40yd)

Sylvan Gold, b c, by Gold Rod—Gates Corner (D. Johnson), 9-11 ... G. Duffield (4-1) 1
Gleaming Lady ... S. Perks (15-1) 2
Windsor Rose ... R. Lawson (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 8-1 Major Crisp, 7-1 Princess Glazepta (4th), Pride of Monaar, 10-1 Play the Flute, 12-1 Mary Maher, Red Diana, 20-1 Sailing Song, Wolfe O'Keefe. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 40p; places, 18p, 14p, 32p; dual forecast, £1.49. Sir M. Prescott, at Newmarket. 3l, 10l. Wind-O-Fortune did not run. The winner was bought in for 1,200 guineas.

3.15 (3.16) ROYAL SCOTS DRAGOON GUARDS CUP HANDICAP (£1,291: 6f)

Luke Splendid, b c, by John Splendid—Fleur de Sol (G. Liversidge), 4-9-4 ... W. Wharton (7-1) 1
Hope Eternal ... M. Wigham (20-1) 2
Marching On ... G. Duffield (9-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Peggy Jet (4th), 11-2 Skin Deep, 13-2 My Chopin, 7-1 Madame Decoy, Unella. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 69p; places, 18p, 58p, 23p; dual forecast, 54p (winner with any other horse). J. Etherington, at Malton. 1½l, 3l. White Emperor did not run.

3.46 (3.46) STRATHCLYDE STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £1,143: 6f)

Lady Gerardina, br f, by Levmoss—Princess Cecilia (Mrs M. Moukous) 8-8 ... S. Jarvis (9-3) 1
Thorganby Victory ... P. Kelleher (11-2) 2
Double Bloom ... G. Duffield (8-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 3-1 jt favs Salona, Trolley, 10-1 Jeanne Du Barry (4th), 20-1 Quick Response, 25-1 Miss Thonburi. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 37p; places, 15p, 33p, 14p; dual forecast, £4.55. A. Jarvis, at Coventry. ¾l, 3l. Miss Admington did not run.

4.15 (4.22) NEILSLAND HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,350: 1m 40yds)

Top Stream, b f, by Highland Melody—Aganimba (P. Asquith), 8-11 ... S. Perks (7-1) 1
Avendina ... G. Duffield (5-1) 2
Computerail ... B. Jago (14-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Balmuick Boy, 5-1 Winter Sunshine (4th), 7-1 Nuha, 8-1 Wyn-Bank, Sir Michael, 10-1 Paronias, 11-1 Skewsby, 12-1 Straight Schweppes, 16-1 Mick's Throwout. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.08; places, 35p, 21p, £1.88; dual forecast, £2.10. P. Asquith, at Wetherby. ½l, 2l.

4.45 (4.47) ROSS HANDICAP (£1,205: 1m 5f)

Gleaming Wave, b c, by Sovereign Gleam—Sapphire Spray (D. Anderson), 4-9-0 ... B. Jago (11-8) 1
Provato ... G. Duffield (5-4 fav) 2
Phoenix Rose ... M. Wigham (9-2) 3

TOTE: Win, 15p; dual forecast, 14p. B. Lunness, at Newmarket. 3 ran. 3l, hd. Renatus, Solo Reign and Ascot Royale did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Luke Splendid and Top Stream: £37.45. TREBLE: Sylvan Gold, Lady Gerardina and Gleaming Wave: £20.40.

Leicester

2.15: ASHBY STAKES (2-y-o: £784: 1m)

Wind-O-Fortune, gr f, by Dubassoff—Fingerofortune 8-8 ... T. Ives (33-1) 1
Willie Sing ... W. Carson (4-1 jt fav) 2
Reckless Prince ... S. Eccles (13-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt fav Camp Road (4th), 13-8 Bookingale, 12-1 Charlotte's Way, 16-1 Tolkers Rose, 33-1 Charley Gable, Kew House, Wirral Way, Dusky Scott, Flying Rugs, Keen Lass, My Flywheel, Tender Affair. 15 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.69; places, 42p, 13p, 41p; dual forecast, £1.85. R. Hollinshead, at Upper Longdon. 2l, 2l. Lyric Girl did not run. There was no bid for the winner.

2.45 (2.48) LOUGHBOROUGH HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,106: 1m)

Jazz King, b c, by Roi Soleil—Singing Blues ... J. Reid (8-1) 1
Flying Opiletta ... S. Eccles (16-1) 2
Skinflick ... P. Young (14-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Habit, 100-30 Comn Play With Me, 13-1 Dior Queen, Mr Fastbac, 14-1 Bouregols, 16-1 Aston Hall, White Domino, 20-1 Caoctown Con, Late Idea (4th), Diamante, Mecadid, Durcott House, May Bond. 16 ran.

TOTE: Win, £2.14; places, 56p, 54p, 61p, 37p; dual forecast, £36.95. R. Armstrong, at Newmarket. ½l, hd. W. G. Grows did not run.

3.15 (3.20) BURGESS POWERLINE STAKES (3-y-o: £1,717: 7f)

Murat, ch c, by Brigadier Gerard—Cutie 9-0 ... W. Carson (11-4 fav) 1
Acapulco Gold ... J. Reid (8-1) 2
Buckhorst ... B. Raymond (14-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 3-1 Demi Ten, 11-2 Breeze Along (4th), 10-1 Singapore Star, 20-1 Golden Cape, Mcrebundr, Moonscape, Senator Murphy, Systems Analysis, 33-1 Charlotte's Son, Stasonal Shine, The Fallen Knight, Windley Lad, Asphodel, Bardwell Fair, Morna, Only a Whim, Pamkins Hart. 20 ran.

TOTE: Win, 26p; places, 16p, 53p, 12p; dual forecast, 7?p. W. Hern, at West Ilsley. 4l, 1½l.

3.45 (3.46) CHARNWOOD CLAIMING STAKES (3-y-o: £1,330: 1m 50y)

Wild Goose Chase, b c, by Warpath—Snow Goose ... P. Waldron (5-2 fav) 1
Princely Ruler ... J. Lynch (10-1) 2
Scotch Thistle ... W. Carson (7-4) 3

ALSO RAN: 20-1 Pakrha, 33-1 Delamero, Lassies Bell, Summergold (4th), 33-1 Marcus Hook, 50-1 Sir Troval, First Anniversary, Silver Wings, Maricel of Palma. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, 25p; places, 16p, 22p, 11p; dual forecast, £1.43. C. Thornton, at Middleham. 3l, 1½l.

4.15 (4.17) NANPANTAN HANDICAP (£1,498: 1½m)

Hampshire, b g, by Silly Season—Pirate Queen 4-9-2 ... J. Reid (6-1) 1
Eric of Ayr ... R. Muddle (11-2) 2
English Export ... L. Charnock (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-3 jt fav Hauser, Ma Famille (4th), 11-2 Jackalla, 14-1 Placid Pet, 16-1 Black Crow, Main Event, 20-1 Liquidation, 25-1 Dropshot, 33-1 Gipsy Scott. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, 56p; places, 32p, 21p, 25p; dual forecast, £1.08. A. Pitt at Epsom. Nk, 1½l. Jack Splendid did not run.

4.45 (4.47) SEPTEMBER STAKES (Div I: 3-y-o: £929: 1½m)

Royal Stall, b c, by Sovereign Path—From Row, 11-5 ... Mr W. Jarvis (6-1) 1
Kansu ... Mr N. Howe (9-4 fav) 2
Loppingdales ... Jackie Hodge (4-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-2 Blood Orange, 12-1 Irish Image, Quillan (4th), 16-1 Runner on the Roof, Scarlet Emperor, Tout Pog, 20-1 Lorein Wood, 25-1 Bridge Park, Fidler's Gold, Parsons Pride, Quarto. 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, 41p; places, 20p, 11p, 16p; dual forecast, 50p. Ryan Jarvis, at Newmarket. 2l, 1½l.

5.15 (5.17) SEPTEMBER STAKES (Div II: 3-y-o: £927: 1½m)

Sandicliffe, b c, by Frankincense—Pagan Princess, 11-2 ... Mr J. Hills (7-2) 1
Lera ... Miss F. Vittadini (6-1) 2
Ratocheur ... Mr R. Hutchinson (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav My Sweet Cumhill (4th), 9-2 Last Issue, 9-1 The Wrekin Joy, 14-1 Sweet Elaine, 16-1 Triple Bond, 20-1 Quiet Queen, 25-1 Pearly Rock, St Bride's Bay, 33-1 Charlie Worksny, Love Patrol, Lucia di Lammermuir. 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, 40p; places, 14p, 11p, 30p; dual forecast, 55p. B. Hills, at Lambourn. 7l, 1l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Murat and Hampshire, £30.85. TREBLE: Jazz King, Wild Goose Chase, Royal Stall, £14.85.

Alleged accepts invitation to run at Belmont

New York Racing Association have announced that Alleged, last year's winner of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, has been invited to run in the Turf Classic at Belmont Park on October 21 and the invitation has been accepted.

David Stevenson, director of horsemen's operation for the NYRA said that Alleged's trainer, Vincent O'Brien had told him that, provided the four-year-old was in good shape after next Sunday's Arc, he would run in the Turf Classic.

This is a mile and a half race with added money totalling $200,000. It is conveniently two weeks before the similar Washington DC International at Laurel, Maryland, and it is expected that a number of the horses participating in the New York race will be invited to run in the Laurel

Perth NH

2.15 SCONE NOVICES' HURDLE (£508: 2m)

Barrettstown Boy, 5-11-4 R. Lamb
Haud Forrit, 5-11-4 D. Goulding
Lammas Fair, 5-11-4 S. Charlton
Mossrig, 8-11-4 ... M. Barnes
234- Red Well, 7-11-4 ... J. J. O'Neill
507 Sea Headrig, 5-11-4 J. McDougall
204- Talora, 5-11-4 ... C. Hawkins
Championo, 4-10-13 ... R. Collins
0-00 Contribution, 4-10-12 B. Holohan
0 General Patterns, 4-10-12 R. Page
220- Hit the Roof, 4-10-12 ... —
0- Percipient, 4-10-12 ... R. Barry
402- Singing Span, 4-10-12 ... —

9-4 Hit the Roof, 100-30 Singing Span, 9-2 Red Well, 15-2 Talora, 10-1 Sea Headrig, 12-1 Contribution, 14-1 Percipient, 16-1 others.

2.45 TAMEROSIA CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap: £1,119: 2m)

03-3 Tom Morgan, 9-12-0 Mr J. Mackie
110 Morag's Parade, 8-11-9 R. Barry
0-04 Blabbermouth, 9-11-6 ... R. Lamb
4-00 Bold Warrior, 7-10-13 ... J. J. O'Neill
441- Golden Express, 9-10-0 ... —

11-8 Morag's Parade, 11-4 Blabbermouth, 4-1 Tom Morgan, 6-1 Golden Express, 8-1 Bold Warrior.

3.15 TAY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,184: 2m)

132- Royal Legend, 4-11-8 J. J. O'Neill
12-3 Golden End, 7-11-5 S. Charlton
40-0 Donzol, 4-10-13 ... —
201 Brag, 5-10-10 ... R. Collins
f0- Tid, 7-10-0 ... I. Semple
410- Sweet and Ugly, 4-10-0 ... A. Dickman
040- Priddy Friendly, 6-10-0 G. Holmes
20-0 Lirico, 7-10-0 ... Mr B. Crawford
03- Deer Creek, 10-10-0 ... —

2-1 Golden End, 11-4 Brag, 9-2 Royal Legend, 7-1 Sweet and Ugly, 10-1 Donzol, 14-1 Priddy Friendly, Lirico, 16-1 others.

3.45 PERTHSHIRE CHALLENGE CUP (£1,161: 3m)

1p-1 Vulabaloo, 9-12-0 M. O'Halloran
11f- San Gennaro, 8-10-10 S. Shields
32-1 Coparu, 8-10-9 ... M. Barnes 4
3u0- French Pin, 7-10-7 ... R. Barry
-p41 Double Action, 7-10-0 J. Toland 4

13-8 Coparu, 5-2 Double Action, 100-30 Vulabaloo, 11-2 French Pin, 8-1 San Gennaro.

4.15 LUNCARTY NOVICES' CHASE (£832: 2m)

Carnanmore, 10-11-0 ... R. Page
p-p Irish Rambler, 7-11-0 C. Seward
002- John McNab, 6-11-0 ... A. Webb
00-2 Palace Guard, 6-11-0 S. Shields
-u3 Shivers Regal, 8-11-0 S. Johnson
/00 Viaduct, 4-11-0 ... R. Phillips
000- Weather All, 7-11-0 ... R. Lamb
000- Eximious, 5-10-12 J. J. O'Neill
001- Greenland, 5-10-12 ... N. Tinkler
50-0 Jester's Night, 5-10-12 ... G. Faulkner
032- Stay Quiet, 5-10-12 ... R. Barry

15-8 Stay Quiet, 3-1 Greenland, 9-2 John McNab, 7-1 Palace Guard, 10-1 Jester's Night, 12-1 Shivers Regal, 14-1 Eximious, 16-1 others.

4.45 MANSFIELD NOVICES' HURDLE (3-y-o: £492: 2m)

01 Sovereign Tale, 11-5 N. Tinkler
0 Alan Breck, 10-7 ... A. Dickman
Avalanche, 10-7 ... P. Mangan
Belcraig, 10-7 ... G. Holmes
Bow Bells, 10-7 ... J. Coopan
4 Clown Court, 10-7 ... S. Houlker
Comerce, 10-7 ... S. Charlton
Ragle Bridge, 10-7 ... R. Lamb
3 Furness Scouse, 10-7 ... R. Barry
Grey Magic, 10-7 ... J. J. O'Neill
0 Red Quartz, 10-7 ... —
0 Rock Holme, 10-7 ... M. Barnes
Saperstein, 10-7 ... Mr J. Walton
3 Sasscombe, 10-7 ... C. Fairhurst
Suzy Mandel, 10-7 D. Goulding
The Philistanian, 10-7 W. Ellison
00 Tipperty, 10-7 ... C. Faulkner

5-2 Furness Scouse, 100-30 Sovereign Tale, 4-1 Sasscombe, 13-2 Clown Court, 10-1 Alan Breck, 14-1 Tipperty, Rock Holme, 16-1 others.

SELECTIONS: 2.15 Sea Headrig, 2.45 Tom Morgan, 3.15 Royal Legend, 3.45 Vulabaloo, 4.15 Palace Guard, 4.45 Furness Scouse.

Sedgefield NH

2.30: 1, Likely Boy (11-1); 2, Irish Prince (4-1); 3, Fintalea (11-1). Mazurka 100-30 fav. 9 ran.

3.0: 1, Royal Roseberry (4-9 fav); 2, Four Star (9-4); 3, Toughie (11-1). 3 ran.

3.30: 1, Pee Wee (5-2); 2, Sharny Syke (9-1); only two finished. Casabrig 4-7 fav. 4 ran.

4.0: 1, Pellonius (11-8 fav); 2, Limpopo (5-1); 3, Gerbally Girl. 6 ran. Irish Rambler did not run.

4.30: 1, Laen (11-4); 2, Pohlagon (7-2); 3, Kings Comet (12-1). Wayland Prince 7-4 fav. 9 ran. Betwell and Rolus did not run.

5.0: 1, Drink Up (11-3); 2, Bit Of A Madam (8-13 fav); 3, Romany Light (11-1). 11 ran.

5.30: 1, Raise You (evens fav); 2, Two Bells (7-4); 3, Gin Track (12-1). 11 ran.

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ACADEMY ONE. 437 2981. Bunuel's THAT OBSCURE OBJECT OF DESIRE (X). 2.10, 4.20, 6.30, 8.45.

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ACADEMY 3. 437 8819. Goretta's THE LACE-MAKER (AA). Pgs. 6.15, 8.40. Sat./Sun. 3.50, 6.15, 8.40.

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THE ARTS

Placido Domingo in San Francisco

Having heard most of the active "competition"—Carlo Cossutta, James King, James McCracken, Jon Vickers—I think it reasonable to assert that Placido Domingo is the finest Otello currently singing that rôle on the world's opera stages.

When he first performed the part at Hamburg just four years ago, a German critic wrote: "He sang the role so magnificently that every opera house will now want to stage the work for him. If he so wished, he would never have to sing any other rôle."

Mr Domingo wishes to sing a great many rôles, and not "every opera house" can afford his fees. But his triumphs in *Otello*—at Hamburg, Paris, Milan and Barcelona—created a very high level of expectation for its first American performance, at San Francisco on September 8.

This Otello is imperious, very black and very proud; yet *clearly riven—one can sense* this from the Act I duet—by dangerous and destructive passions.

What I find most exciting about Mr Domingo's interpretation, however, is his ability to combine the histrionic genius and animal intensity of a Vickers or McCracken with full, Wagnerian power and an *unfailingly beautiful, high-ring*ing Italian tenor tone. One is not attending to Placido Domingo singing *Otello*, but to Otello *direct*. The beauty of Shakespeare's verse is translated almost intact into the beauty of this noble madman's *perfectly controlled tenore robusto*.

Katia Ricciarelli—Mr Domingo's *original partner in the* opera at Hamburg four years ago—forms a splendid counterpart, physically and vocally. She is beautiful of face, figure, and voice, aristocratic and self-possessed. Although terrified by his mania, she is no less *proud and passionate than her* husband. Her pliant voice meets by turns all the demands of the role (though here it was occasionally lost under Verdi's potent orchestration, vigorously conducted by Giuseppe Patanè).

Much of the total impact of a good *Otello*, however, depends on the successful collaboration of the two stage-managers: one (Iago) onstage, the other hired for the occasion. Our onstage "director" was Guillermo Sarabia, and for much of the performance I found his Iago unpersuasive—in part because of the crude, *stagey things his offstage coun*terpart (Jean-Pierre Ponnelle) had ordered him to do.

Mr Sarabia is (by make-up, if not by nature) unhandsome: dusky, balding, dark-*bearded, ignoble of shape* and mean of expression—characteristics which *could* combine into an effective Iago. In Act I he sang more flat-out bass than mercurial baritone, and took little advantage of the dramatic potential of his score. But his Act II temptation and destriction of Otello were awesomely convincing, right up to their ringing oath-of-vengeance duet.

But if Iago is allowed to *become too obviously or vul*garly evil, much of *Otello's* tragedy loses its force. This Iago describes *Desdemona* to Roderigo with obscene gestures; pours quarts of wine down Cassio's throat; spits at a cross at the end of his *Credo;* and rudely kicks the body of his unconscious master, which rolls over like a corpse.

Much of what is superb about the San Francisco *Otello depends on its producer,* Jean-Pierre Ponnelle.

But he is one of those producers who cannot leave well enough alone. If music and text hint at an emotion, M Ponnelle will underline it, in red. Instead of "going slowly *towards the castle clasped in* each other's arms", his Otello and Desdemona fall coupling *on* to the stage *floor* at the end of Act I. If he finds a musical interlude to be troublesome he will cover it over with grotesque and distracting business: a Turkish captive is (apparently) burned alive during the Act I fire chorus; the *Act II maidens and infants* are turned into a parade of raggedy cripples. The Venetian ambassadors in Act *III* are a dozen decadent poseurs, mincing about in pearly whites and baby blues. Against the dark and tattered Cypriots, their *entrance is* dazzling, a true coup de théâtre; they make Otello, now three-quarters *mad, look all the more black*. But is this fair? Or is it only Ponnelle?

After seeing the second San Francisco production of this season (September 9), I will risk an even wilder claim: Shirley Verrett is going to be the *most notable—and controversial*—Norma since Maria Callas.

Miss Verrett is a striking, slim New Orleans-born black woman. Like other great Normas, she began her career as a mezzo-soprano. Her reputation in New York and in Europe *was based on parts like* Carmen, Amneris, Azucena, Dalilah, and (most recently) a *spine-chilling* Lady Macbeth at La Scala. In 1973, when Christa Ludwig had to cancel, she sang *both* Cassandra and Dido in a nearly complete, five-hour *Les Troyens* at the Met. Like Guilia Grisi, the first Adalgisa, Miss Verrett sang the secondary female rôle in this opera (to Normas like Montserrat Caballé and Beverley Sills) for many years, before breaking into the demanding title role.

Listening to her Norma now, one realizes why this vocal *progression makes so much* sense. The part calls for vibrant, full-voiced, near-baritone *low lines* that no one but a trained mezzo-soprano could achieve.

This was not Shirley Verrett's first Norma. In June, 1976, she ventured the role with the Metropolitan's touring company at a summer *festival venue outside* Washington, DC. Since then, many hundreds of hours must have *gone into perfecting this role*, which has about it now the syllable-by-syllable thoughtfulness and internal dramatic intelligence one has not witnessed since Callas was performing it (1948-65).

Our Adalgisa (Alexandrina Milcheva) and Pollione (Nunzio Todisco) were unworthy foils, although adequate singers. *Clifford Grant owns the* part of Oroso. Paolo Peloso conducted with needless speed, trivializing some of Bellini's better music, but generally respected Miss Verrett's requirements. She deserves, soon, a festival-quality production, with the best possible lover and rival (she will sing the role next March in New York, with Obratsova and Cossutta), mounted especially for her in one of the world's other great houses.

I was obliged to fly to London on September 13, so these two were my only sampling of the 1978 San Francisco Opera. *The season continues through* November 26, with 64 regular performances of 10 operas. In final rehearsals as I left was our first local *Billy Budd*, in a production (designer: John Piper, producer Arne Andersson) that will be duplicated at *London next February*. Interestingly, New York's Metropolitan Opera opened *its* first *Billy Budd* just three days after San Francisco's.

Other than that risk (if a 27-year-old Benjamin Britten classic can still be considered risky), the San Francisco line-


Placido Domingo and Katia Ricciarelli

up is more conventional than usual for Kurt Herbert Adler, whose 25th year as general director—and 50th year in the professional music world—will be celebrated on November 19 by a (naturally) "star-studded" gala.

There is to be a new *Lohengrin* Mr Adler himself will conduct *later this month*, with Guy Chauvet in the title role, and a substantial British contingent: Anne Evans, Raimund Herincx, and Gwynne Howell. Jean-Pierre Ponnelle, who seems to have a life-contract with Mr Adler, will stage his twelfth new *production* in 10 years here on November 1: *La Boheme* (Cotrubas, Aragall; Varviso conducting), in settings he designed for Stuttgart in March, 1977.

Justino Diaz (a Covent Garden Escamillo of 1976) will *make his local debut* as Don Giovanni, to Walter Berry's Leporello. Mr Berry will also be singing Baron Ochs, to Leonie Rysanek's Marchallin, in a promising *Die Rosenkavalier* which Janos Ferencsik will conduct in October. Miss Rysanek is a great San Francisco favourite—she ma United States debut h 1956, and has sung 14 r the local stage—as is G Jones, who returns for the last opera of the Her Florestan will b Wenkoff, a highly praise tan (Bayreuth, Ha Milan, Dresden, Vienn ing *another local debut*.

For the star-collector adored them togeth *Turandot* last year), the be a Caballé-Pavarotti T the unconventional P sets. For those in searc unusual, there is the " ary" Magda Olivero soprano first retired i and is reported to b where between 65 and of age. She will si Toscas here in late No To be on the safe si company has seen to *those purchasing a* opera evening subs ($72 rear balcony, stalls, plus a virtually tory "donation" of 25 per cent more) will Caballé, not the Olivero

David Littl


Dinsdale Landen and Anita Carey as Amanda

Something's Wrong
BBC 2

Joan Bakewell

The head's orifices loomed large as *opening images of this play* an indication of where the camera was later to lead us. For this was management man being given a day-long medical check. And what started on the surface of Trevor's natty city figure ended by needling into his skull and triggering doubts and images that neither we nor he had suspected. When the 30-minute play ended in a colourful chaos of surrealist imagery it was the natural sequence of a perfectly coherent development. Take a man's blood pressure seriously and you invite him to run his own brain cells through the computer.

Frederick Raphael, *wearing* his "author" hat, had a great deal of fun, first with verbal, then visual, wit. Trevor, arriving at the costly clinic with another city sprig, was instantly swapping inanities of name: Angela, Amanda, Vera, Clovis, Ferdie Thornhill. From suburban chitchat it is but a step towards the treacherous Miss *Stith, and thence to idiocies of* multiple choice questioning. The plugs jammed at "Are your dimensions normal?" and sexual doubts conjured up satin-gowned wife, ditto black anthropologist and eventually bossman Clovis dangling Miss Stith on his knee and demanding definitions of Bristols, sherpas, sikhs.

From there the plot could take no further direction except into the vortex of its own whirling ideas, from which Trevor was finally extracted, isolated in a soundproof box, tearing helplessly at his blindfold. The raw man under his own mind's microscope.

Frederick Raphael, as director, was a man after his own heart, moving in on his hero's life and mind with unabashed glee at getting his hands this first time on the cameras. Perhaps he was also his own worst enemy, trying to cram into one bulging half hour as many film effects as possible: the understandable response of a man *who* has too long stood by and watched others gorge at the feast.

Thus, at the *start*, all was neat, tight and formal; by the end, we were tumbling in a strangely familiar surrealist world with Magritte, Bunuel and Dali to the fore. Yet in the end the banalities of Trevor's images were disappointing. He was *after all a city gent, not a* poet.

The third Frederick Raphael was of course Tom Conti, rounder eyed, less alligator-jawed, he had been doppelganged into service as the hero Trevor. It was another totally *engaging impersonation*.

I hope these two have been tested for blood groups and tissue compatibility in case one of them ever has totally to take over. Until then it lends marvellous double vision.

Who Zat Kid
Thames
India—One Man's Truth
BBC1

Michael Church

At RADA life is cushy at the top. "Congratulations! You've grown *so* much!" fledglings are liable to be told as they *remove* their make-up for the last time. Or, as it might be, "Wonderful!" or again, "Peter darling, the last few days you've simply grown, grown, *grown*!"

Beyond the confines of the nest, all that carefully nurtured growth goes for naught as the chicks strain *on tiptoe* to be seen on somebody's—anybody's—horizon. Banks of unsmiling eyes bore into them as they forlornly sing and dance. Solicitous females tenderly talk them through their parts and then, the moment their backs are turned, tenderly *put* the stiletto in. (Hasn't got the emotional weight. Nice lad though). Exquisitely dressed middle-aged men in plush bars will ask them, as though they were discussing a marriage vow, whether they are prepared, *really prepared, to* pull 10 times their weight in scenery. Soignée ladies will remind them that a conventional marriage vow is a disastrous impediment. Success means the chance to make batch *after batch of toddlers* laugh. Failure—or rather, temporary unsuccess—means bundling up batch after batch of sausages, and desperately camping it up, preferably in front of a mirror, at home.

Who Zat Kid (Thames) took a long *time to tell us what* we already know about the loneliness of the long-distance actor but it told the story sensitively and with a sharp eye for the significant detail. It forbore to draw any inferences, but inferences were there in rich variety *waiting to be drawn. Mine were* blimpish: some RADA students are insufficiently cynical and calculating about auditions; neither a RADA degree nor an Equity card is any automatic guarantee of acting ability; Equity's success in pushing up *the minimum wage has made* life a lot harder for beginners in the profession; Westcliff rep is the repository for some gorgeously old-fashioned tat.

But if, with the previewless part of mankind, I had been obliged to choose between this *programme and its opponent on* BBC 1, I would undoubtedly have chosen the latter. *India—One Man's Truth* (a fearsomely apt title) was a film within a film. The outer shell consisted of a visually beauti essentially run-of-the-mi mentary on the econor social problems of porary India.

At its granite cen planet earth's egotist s Fresher and more y than his son (*let alone* jowled wife), Morarj *humbly offers to edify* only with his self-help d but also with his yo vegetarianism, and his habit of recycling himse morning with a healthy of his own urine. (It Yes, but so do medici pointed out). While this encouraging his 600 *subjects to do likewise*, no compunction about ing them drinking alco the familiar Victorian that the bottle enslaves sex he is equally Vi Masturbators ("Do th become wrecks?") an who indulge in too m waste "a very vital These aspects of Desai less astonishing for bei known.

But in seeking to un meaning of Desai's s backward gaze the film omit to hint at its implications. He is sp *moral, but he is also sp* naive. And he is in c a nuclear nation.

Some of these reviews appeared in later editions of yesterday's newspaper.

Lushcrush
Soho Poly
Blue Monster
Arts

Irving Wardle

Slumped under a fur coat in the peach satin bedroom suite, a figure stirs voluptuously into *life* and *presently reveals* the carnivorous features of Marcella Markham, who goes on to give the most rancidly unforgiving portrait of the moneyed American female that I can recall.

Miss Markham plays a hard-drinking, rhinoceros-hided, middle-American monster, whose one positive emotion is her besotted attachment to her son. She is down in California for his college graduation, and the 50-minute monologue shows her fight to block his departure *to join* her divorced husband in Europe.

There is never the least chance that *she will win, as her* behaviour is guaranteed to alienate all human sympathy within a 100-mile radius. Wielding her sex like a caveman's club, she breaks into the campus festivities with a crude raucous insolence that would have left *the other* characters speechless if there had been any other characters; and by the time she emits her *last* gurgling cry as the boy walks out, it is clear that her only feeling for him is one of proprietary greed.

As a written text, I doubt whether Eric Sutton's play would add up to anything more than an Englishman's nightmare of transatlantic woman. As played by an American actress for an American director (Tom Kingdom) it becomes rather more. For one thing, Miss Markham has the capacity to turn monologue into dialogue, and make you see the figures of the abject, obese husband, and the sullenly withdrawn son. She also makes the part funny as well as hateful (witness her demonstration of how t waiters by ferociously her teeth). And the perf has a courageous ge that leaves you admi artist as much as detes character. Whatever Mi ham is doing, she is not ing American womanho

As the main London of children's theatre, is an extremely i address, which is why corn Company should away with shows like R *The Blue Monster*. Gozzi (which must hav good to the Arts Coun is an incoherently poorly characterized ret an Arabian Nights fal versely lumbered with B captions and Brecht sages.

Apart from the exot cal contributions from resourceful Ilona Sekac las Barter's production unimaginative, and The Emperor sweeps curtain to address th tude, *revealing* pitch on the other side.

Bless you.

Leon Goossens and George Malcolm will give a recital at the Hurlingham Club, London, on October 9, in aid of the organ appeal of All Saints Parish Church, Fulham.

Discoveries: The Caesar Manuscript
BBC 2

Stanley Sadie

"The Caesar Manuscript", perhaps slightly less exciting a discovery than at first it sounds, is Handel's autographed score of *Giulio Cesare*. That with the conducting score at *Hamburg* and the *libretto* printed for the original 1724 performance, provided the basis for Winton Dean's recent reconstruction of an authentic text, for performances at Birmingham University last year and for future English National Opera ones.

The cameras divided their attention between Mr Dean, the manuscripts, and the (less than fully professional) Birmingham staging, without quite persuading us that musicological research is amenable to visual treatment. The trouble was that no one had quite enough confidence in the material's ability to hold the interest. Several times Mr Dean embarked on *promising lines of deduction*, but rarely was he permitted to follow them through; too often he ended with a conclusion that, at least on the evidence he presented, *seemed probable but far* from watertight. Sometimes he said "proves" when "suggests" seemed the strongest possible word.

The fact that his preferred versions corresponded with those of the editors of the standard German Handel Society text, published just a hundred years ago, scarcely supported claims to discoveries. And to conclude that Handel's *numerals on the gatherings in* his autograph represented a "record of the process of composition," was a shade obvious; Mr Dean should have been encouraged to *explain* just what those processes might have been.

To make time for that, we might have done without some of the material unconnected with discoveries. The arguments about a baritone singing a castrato part are old and long since *accepted*; those about Fischer-Dieskau's tempo in the aria concerned are th conjecture.

The portentous mat ornamentation was out too; if Handel's sugge one manuscript (not opera), in one aria singer in one situat *taken as a universal* blush for the opinions servers from other di *may have of musi* methodology, the mor Mr Dean's own ornam *for Giulio Cesare is sc* clumsy and musically matical.

All told, rather an u programme; it migh been better had Mr D us more about the va information that can be from this score on Ha his time rather than cha illusory "definitive ver concept Handel himsel not have understood.

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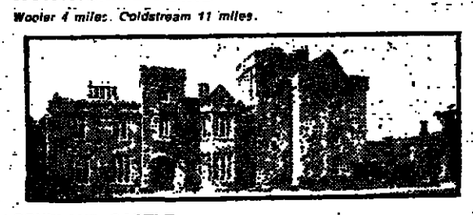
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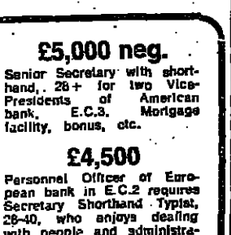
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The case for resisting referendums

The report of a Conservative Party committee on the referendum—published recently as a basis for discussion not as an official statement of party policy—raises major constitutional questions. Its impact is potentially dangerous.

The report recognizes the strength of feeling against the use of referendums. Its recommendations are, therefore, said to be limited to proposals which the committee believes might become acceptable to opinion inside and outside Parliament.

But implementation of the recommendations would inevitably lead to the establishment of the referendum as a permanent feature of our political system covering not only constitutional but other political questions as well. I am convinced they should be resisted.

Although the report makes no attempt to set out the fundamental objections to the use of the referendum one must first express some surprise at the committee's attempt to argue that it has a respectable Conservative pedigree.

Balfour's proposed amendment to the 1911 Parliament Bill, Baldwin's 1930 promise of a referendum on the Free Trade issue, Churchill's suggestion that the wartime Parliament should be extended on the authority of a referendum, are cited in the report in support of the view that there is a long-standing pro-referendum tradition in the Conservative Party.

The report ignores that these proposals—based on expediency not principle—were abortive. The true Conservative tradition, at least since the time of Burke, is against the use of the referendum.

Its concept is alien to British politics. Even 10 years ago its use in any context was not a live issue. Since then we have had two referendums and two new ones proposed. The first, restricted to Northern Ireland, had a number of unusual features and need not have been taken as a precedent. The second, on the EEC, was put forward purely as a political expedient to get a divided Labour Party off the hook.

The provision for holding a referendum in the Scotland and Wales Acts were also supported on grounds of political expediency. Many members became convinced that referendums in Scotland and Wales (particularly with the percentage voting amendments) would be the most effective way of stopping objectionable legislation.

The fundamental argument against the principle of the referendum is that it undermines the basis of our parliamentary democracy which rests on the premise that the crown in Parliament is sovereign. It is equally inconsistent with Edmund Burke's dictum that a member of Parliament is a representative not a delegate, ultimately responsible to the electorate at a general election.

MPs do not come to Westminster as surrogate calculators, voting on all the various issues before them as they would do if they could carry out a headcount in their constituencies and say: "The majority of my constituents are for this measure therefore I shall vote for it." There are overwhelming reasons why MPs should not act in such a superficial way. Indeed why it is their duty not to so do.

Of course, it is essential for an MP to listen to the views of his constituents and give full weight to the arguments they put forward.

Having gone into any particular matter as thoroughly as possible the member then has to make a decision and to vote as he believes his constituents would vote if they were able to take into account all the arguments and consider the interests of the country as a whole.

The interests of the country require members to consider not only the position of the majority but also the protection of minorities. That is not something that a referendum can do. Indeed if we were governed by referendums we should have, in effect, a dictatorship of the majority which took no account of minority interests as the House of Commons does.

The referendum could easily be used to justify discrimination against particular members of the community, say on grounds of race or wealth.

Yet another important point has been brought out forcefully in the last few months by the carrying of "Proposition 13" in the recent Californiain referendum which requires a massive reduction in taxation. It seems probable one could get a majority on a similar question in the United Kingdom. It is also likely one could get a majority both in California and the United Kingdom for more public expenditure on education, the health service or whatever.

It may be argued that the fundamental objections to a referendum on a particular issue may be eliminated or at any rate significantly diminished if it is consultative, not mandatory. It is clear, however, that MPs would inevitably be put under considerable pressure to change their vote on a particular issue if there were a substantial majority against their views in a consultative referendum.

I do not believe it would be right for them to comply if they felt the arguments still ran the other way. But if a sufficient number of members rejected the results of a referendum the clash would obviously tend to create a gulf between the electorate and its MPs. The issue of capital punishment is a classic case in which this would seem certainly to happen.

The present provisions for referendums incorporated in the Scotland and Wales Acts raise a number of subsidiary questions which deserve consideration. First, a referendum is clearly more objectionable if those participating in it are limited to a section of the community even though the legislation itself affects the whole of the United Kingdom as is expected in these cases.

Secondly, there is a distinction between a referendum carried out in advance of legislation and one which is asked to endorse or reject an Act already passed by Parliament. Both may show a difference of opinion between the electorate and Parliament but clearly the rejection of a a detailed Act already approved by Parliament is more objectionable.

Another set of issues arises when one considers whether proposals for a referendum should be put forward in legislation covering the particular subject on which it is proposed a referendum should be held, in a separate Bill, or under a general enabling Bill. The committee recommends that such an enabling Bill should be introduced and that "a referendum commission should be established to draft the use, and supervise the conduct, of referendums".

There are powerful arguments against such proposals. They would formalize and legitimize the use of referendums in Britain despite the vitally important objections in principle outlined above. Even if the enabling Bill restricted the range of subjects which might be put forward in a referendum, pressure to extend the scope to cover all issues would inevitably be increased.

There would also be pressure to take the decision on whether a referendum should be held on any particular issue away from Parliament by giving the right of initiation to, say, a certain absolute number or percentage or the electorate supporting a petition.

Two special cases require further analysis. The first is the suggestion put forward by the leader of the Conservative Party that a future Conservative government might use a referendum to settle a confrontation with a powerful trade union over pay. The second is the question of the use of the referendum on a constitutional issue.

The committee is lukewarm about Mrs Thatcher's suggestion, stressing the practical difficulties and problems of timing. It concludes: "At least there can be no harm in having this additional instrument in the hands of government".

In fact, as the committee hints, what Mrs Thatcher suggested is not really a referendum in the normal sense at all but a single issue general election. It would only be held if the matter were of overriding importance to the Government's economic policies and the House of Commons were divided.

In these circumstances, if the referendum result rejected the Government's line it is inconceivable it would not have to go to the country. So, whatever the practical difficulties, in my view the proposal is not open to the fundamental Burkian objection in principle to the use of a referendum.

The other special case which requires consideration is the use of a referendum on constitutional issues. There are two categories of constitutional significance which should be distinguished. One involves what one might call "plebiscite" questions. For example, whether particular parts of the United Kingdom should remain within it. It is arguable all referendums held or proposal so far come within this broad category.

I still find the objections in principle to them overwhelming but if they are to be considered as a precedent it is certainly important to distinguish them from all other cases.

The second set of constitutional issues arises from desire to entrench certain provisions held to exist in our unwritten constitution so that they cannot be removed by an Act of Parliament carried by a temporary, partisan majority.

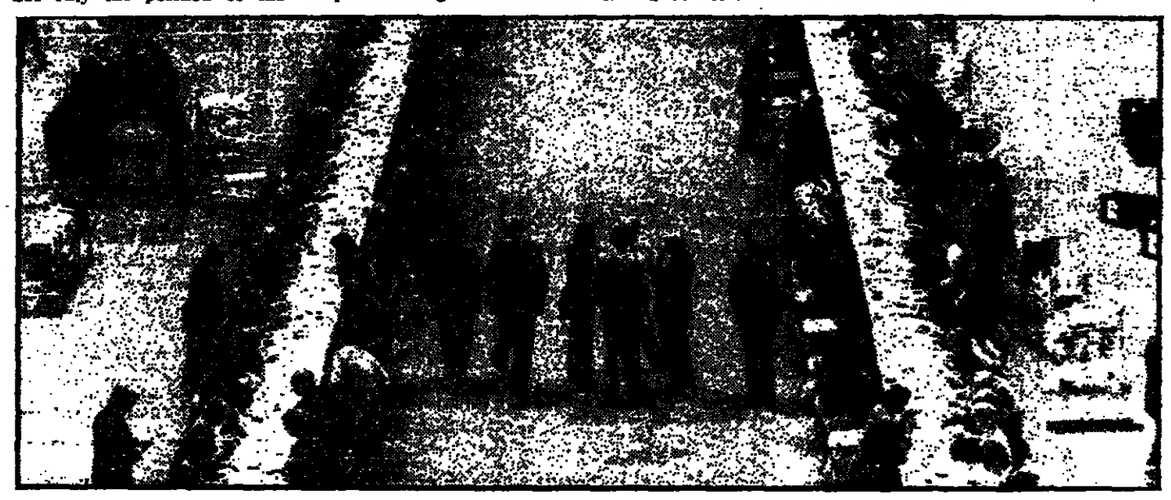
The committee in particular is anxious to use the referendum device to protect the existence of the second chamber and other fundamental matters. Such protection could not, however, be absolute and would be likely to create far more immediate problems than it was worth.

I am prepared to accept a case can be made for the use of the referendum as an integral part of a major constitutional reform such as that proposed by Lord Hailsham in his Dimbleby lecture, but it needs to be part of an overall package implemented as such.

The committee's recommendation that the referendum should anyway be permanently established for use on both constitutional and other issues is highly objectionable in principle and would, I believe, strike at the very basis of our representative parliamentary democracy.

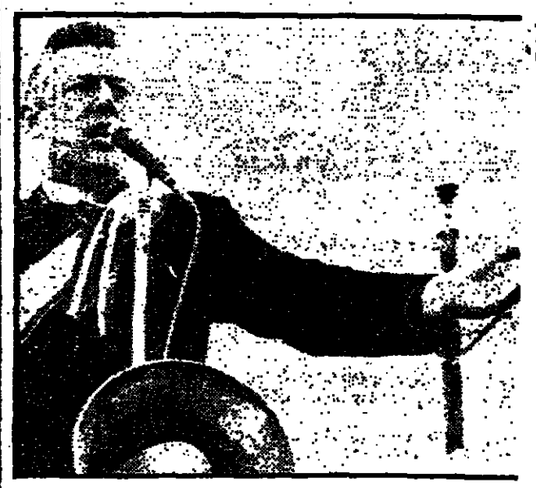
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Counting the votes in the EEC referendum.

Why the 'loyalists' cann count on Mrs Thatche



The Rev Ian Paisley: the most powerful of "loy orators.

Belfast

Of the many side effects of 10 years of unrelenting civil strife in Northern Ireland one of the most noticeable, if the election had been valled this month, would have been the splintering of the once monolithic Unionist Party into a bewildering scattering of component groups each with its own leader and unwieldy title.

As it is, Mr Callaghan's controversial decision to continue in office has probably given the rival Unionist groupings time to patch up their most glaring differences and reach an informal pact which will prevent the majority Protestant vote being too damagingly split on polling day. Among those who would benefit most obviously from any such agreement would be Enoch Powell, the Official Unionist MP for South Down who otherwise faces the unedifying prospect of an electoral battle with a teetotal businessman representing one of the most extreme splinter groups, the United Ulster Unionist Party (UUUP).

Of the various and often arcane differences, the most significant and deep seated are between the Official Unionist Party (OUP) headed by Harry West, an affable Fermanagh farmer, and the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) which is led by its founder, the Rev Ian Paisley, the most powerful of "loyalist" orators. Most of the mainly middle class official Unionists regard Mr Paisley as an embarrassing upstart and a threat to their traditional power base, but are too conscious of his popularity among ordinary Protestants to say so publicly.

Apart from his involvement in the disastrous loyalist strike of 1977, Mr Paisley embarrasses the bulk of the OUP because of the fanatical religious beliefs which he shares with his followers. These were clearly demonstrated at his party's recent annual conference when a motion was passed condemning the inclusion of allegedly blasphemous and pornographic reading material on secondary school syllabuses: delegates were solemnly circulated with a leaflet showing that Steinbeck's novel *Of Mice and Men* contained 16 blasphemous sentences and no less than 26 mentions of the words "bastard" or "son-of-a-bitch".

Previously, some prominent Paisleyites in County Down had garnered considerable publicity when they tried to ban a school production of *The Sound of Music* on the grounds that it was a corrupting influence. Such goings on have not pleased the Official Unionists, the largest Protestant party, which sees itself as the one true inheritor of the old Unionist Party and often tries to dissociate itself from the antics of Mr Paisley. The hostility led to the collapse of the United Ulster Unionist Coalition (UUUC) two years ago, but the public squabbling recently proved too much for a group of councillors from the staunchly Protestant town of Lisburn. Jointly representing both parties, they saw that without reconciliation they faced the possible loss of represe at Westminster and *remaining power is* wielded by the dismei form of local government province.

As a result, Mr Paisl West and Mr Ernest leader of the UUUP, last attended two informal m designed to patch up ences. A third will take *soon and although* a pres has caused red faces, p observers are confiden the warring Unionists cobble up some for electoral pact.

"I think all sides reali it would be madness come together when so influence could be at st *the next Parliament*" mented one Official U frustrated by the differe

If the *rapprocheme* reached, the only u group of any note which be left out would be the of the late Lord Fau Unionist Party of No Ireland (UPNI), now le considerable panache bu real influence by Mrs Dickson, the only woma *to have reached the top* of Ulster's male-dominate tical parties. Having d themselves in favour of s power with Catholic poli the members of UPNI a outside the mainstream *fold. Badly handicapp* their moderation, they a likely to return a caucu Westminster.

Ironically it was a spe the annual conference of (locally pronounced "U which has done more tha thing in recent months to other Unionists. Widely views that a minority Tor ernment under Mrs Th would be prepared to do which would realize that ist dream of a return o mont were rudely dash William van Straubenzee chairman of the Norther land committee of Conse MPs.

Claiming his remarks been cleared by "the authorities" Mr Straubenz *lighted the UPNI delegate* upset virtually every Unionist politician in the vince by declaring une cally: "If the calculation a minority Conservative G ment will trade a return old-type Stormont for r ing in office, then the c tion is a false one."

In spite of reportedly r ing phone calls later m local Unionist politicia *senior members of the* Party, the speech has noticeable scar and me voting behaviour of U MPs in this Parliament a next impossible to predi any confidence. Any Co tive optimists should be pointed bitterness with Unionists here are now r ing themselves that actually a Tory and Labour administration finally removed their lamented Stormont Parl six years ago.

Christopher W

This series is conclude

For whom the bell rings

Bernard Levin

On Monday night, I took a telephone call from a man in the United States who, earlier in the day, had missed a plane by three minutes. I never discovered whether he had made a fuss at the airport, insisting that the airline officials were being unreasonable in refusing to let him board it, but I wouldn't be surprised; I certainly would have done in his place, particularly in America, where the rules about closing a flight are far more sensibly flexible than they are here. Nor, for that matter, did I learn from his evening call whether he had been particularly angry with me at the time, since what had delayed him was the difficulty he was having in trying to get through to my engaged number, which he had abandoned just too late to get to the airport in time.

On the other hand, he certainly wasn't angry with me when he finally did get through in the evening, because the aircraft my earlier gabbiness had caused him to miss was Pacific South-West Airlines' flight PSA 182 from Los Angeles to San Diego, and it crashed, killing everybody on board.

Steady, now. Whenever an aeroplane crashes, leaving only a few survivors, some newspaper is sure to declare that the escape from death was "a miracle": I have never yet read, beneath the headline containing that word, any discussion of what the episode represented for all the other people on board, for whom no miracle befell.

Presumably, for every aircraft that crashes there is somebody who just missed it, or who had to cancel a passage on it because of unforeseen commitments, or who was "bounced" because the airline had overbooked the flight; presumably, the same is true of every aircraft which does not crash. If we look for a meaning in the telephone-call I received, to say nothing of the earlier one I didn't, we shall go cross-eyed before we find it, even if there is one there to find. Chance deals the cards, and who or what lays down the rules of chance is something we shall not discover in this world; nor would it profit us if we did. But if we seek not only a meaning but a providence in the chance that spares us while a thousand are falling beside us and ten thousand by our right hand, we shall be in danger of something a good deal worse than mere philosophical frustration. Yet modern ways of dying are so frightful, and our exposure to the possibility of experiencing one of them so constant, that we tend not only to put them out of our minds (nobody ever thinks about the possibility of being run over when walking in a city) but to be jerked into thoughts with almost limitless implications when they are forced into our minds against our will.

I defy any man who has just had a narrow escape from a coincidental and unforeseeable death to refrain from wondering whether somebody up there likes him—likes him, indeed, so much that a special dispensation has been granted him. And from there it is but a step, though it is a step which surprisingly few seem to take, to wondering what ought to be done with the extension of life thus inexplicably granted. I have read of individuals who have thought long and hard about being thus spared when others, not noticeably less deserving than they, have perished, and have come to the conclusion that it would be both a mistake and a sin not to do something with their lives that without so dramatic and terrible a *memento mori* they might not have done. No doubt some have thereafter fallen by the wayside, but no doubt some have not.

Yet we come back, here, to the traditional headline about the miracle escape. We are told, rightly, that the shepherd rejoiceth more over the return of one sheep that is lost than over the ninety and nine that have not strayed, but we would feel uneasy if the ninety and nine were slaughtered to feed the rejoicing. Whatever lesson a survivor is supposed to learn, it can hardly be that he is supposed to learn it at the expense of others.

Suppose, then, that chance kills them and the same chance spares him. Is it not possible that then, and only then, the testing begins? I am one of those who are unable to believe that there is no meaning or order in the universe, but at the same time unable to believe that we do not have free will to make or mar our own fate. I do not know how the fall of a sparrow is marked, or what the fall means, but I find inconceivable a world in which it is either unmarked or meaningless. If we have a destiny, we can only guess at what it might be; but that does not exhaust the matter, for on the best guess we can make we must act, and the basis of our acting must be that some notice is being taken of our choice.

That, though, must presumably apply also to those who are never in the position of being spared from a fate that overcomes others; whatever else the universe is, it is hardly a nineteenth-century melodrama. The same authority that told us of the shepherd's rejoicing at the return of the strayed sheep told us also that "Not one soul shall be lost", one of the most mysterious and exciting remarks ever made—and made, moreover, by an authority not exactly noted for obscurity of meaning or for casual small-talk. If there is any sense in things at a deeper level than the truths of mathematics (what a marvellous phrase that was of Russell's expressing his unassuagable wonder at the way "number holds sway above the flux"), I cannot help feeling—and that conventional phrase for once represents the exact truth—that we are all involved in it, all part of it, indeed all of it, and whether we live untroubled lives as insurance-adjusters, and never experience anything more alarming or intense than banging our thumbs with the tack-hammer while hanging up a chromolithographic reproduction of Tretchikoff's Green Girl, or whether we earn our bread by defusing bombs made of particularly unstable varieties of high-explosive, we all have a target to meet, and if we do not meet it in this life. . . .

Besides, what does it mean to "miss death", even to miss it "by inches"? We all have an appointment in Samara, whether we get there by plane or tucked up in bed with the family gathered lovingly round, and missing a connexion to death does not confer immortality on anybody. I wonder if anybody still reads Thornton Wilder's *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*? I fear to revisit it myself, lest I find that it is not as good as my memory of reading it when a schoolboy suggests. But for those to whom it is unknown, I may reveal that it relates the quest of a priest who, when five apparently unconnected people die on a bridge that breaks beneath them, sets out to discover why they were thus singled out, and is burnt by the Inquisition for his heretical presumption. What has never occurred to me until now is that the Inquisition might have been right, albeit for the wrong reason. Send not to ask for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee. Whether we live or die is of no moment; what matters is that we take note.

If it be now, 'tis not to come: if it be not to come, it will be now; if it be not now, yet it will come; the readiness is all. Since no man has aught of what he leaves, what is't to leave betimes?

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SPITSBERGEN DIARY

Soviet activity unwelcome in ice islands

Winter arrived in Spitsbergen two months earlier than usual last week with a heavy fall of snow which transformed the jagged peaks in this desolate, glacier-covered wilderness.

For the 1,000 or so Norwegians who live in the main town of Longyearbyen, and the neighbouring Russian coal-mining communities of Barentsburg and Pyramiden, the snow and the sub-zero temperatures of this Arctic archipelago, whose northern flank is within 650 miles of the North Pole, are normal.

For most of the time the rest of the world is too preoccupied with its own difficulties and problems. But in recent weeks both the Russian and the Norwegian communities in this polar outpost have found themselves at the centre of attention.

Journalists from Scandinavia have been arriving on the 90-minute flight from Tromsö on the Norwegian mainland after a spate of what in diplomatic terms can best be described as "incidents".

Interest in Spitsbergen, known to the Norwegians as Svalbard (which means literally the islands of the cold coast), has arisen over what the Norwegian media sees as an unwelcome increase in Soviet activity on this remote group of islands.

Under the terms of a treaty signed over half a century ago, Norway is responsible for the administration of these islands, although many nations have equal rights of access.

Only the Russians and the Norwegians have exercised their rights under the treaty—which also prohibits Spitsbergen's use for military purposes—and both are involved in mining coal.

The Soviet Union has a long-established strategic interest because the islands lie close to the ice-free route which the Russian northern fleet must take to reach the Atlantic from its base at Murmansk.

In recent months the use of military helicopters for transporting personnel and supplies, the construction of a helicopter landing strip, the introduction of a radar installation and the crash of a Soviet reconnaissance aircraft have focused attention on Spitsbergen.

Norwegian ministers and officials admit that the Russians have been allowed to do much as they please there for too long. The emphasis is now very much on a positive and purposeful policy.

Mr Jan Grandhal, the Norwegian Government's representative in Longyearbyen (named after the American who began the first commercial mining operations here more than 70 years ago) is only too well aware of the attention which is now being given to his activities.

He took over as governor at the beginning of this year and combines a variety of roles, including those of police chief, registrar and magistrate. From his new £1m office, which stands uncomfortably close to the aerial line of swaying buckets shipping coal from the mines to the harbour, Mr Grandhal and his team of police officers keep their eyes and ears open.

Visits to the Russian settlements have been eased by the introduction of a helicopter (outside Longyearbyen, roads are non-existent) and he now has an interpreter to ensure that misunderstandings are virtually eliminated in his weekly chat with the Soviet officials.

However, dark rumours persist over what the Russians are up to, not least the fire Aeroflot representatives stationed at the airport in Longyearbyen, who live with the Norwegian community.

The Soviet airline operates only one flight a month from Moscow to Spitsbergen and even allowing some time for non-airline business, it would seem that the five Russians would be bored to tears. Not so, according to Mr Mikhail Lantsov, the Aeroflot manager.

A former military pilot, he



occupies an office in the airport building. Portraits of President Brezhnev and Lenin looked down from the walls as he insisted that his five-man team was absolutely necessary to handle the Aeroflot passengers. Six hundred landed here last year.

In the restaurant-cum-beer hall-cum-library which forms the hub of social life in the straggling township of Longyearbyen, the speculation continues. But for most of the miners in this company town, owned and operated by the state-owned Store Norsk Spitsbergen Kulkompani, the arguments of the intellectuals and the political activists take second place to the principal objective for most people working here—money.

Food, clothing and transport to the mines which pepper the valleys around Longyearbyen are provided by the company. Work in the mines, which are in the mountains, is arduous.

Boredom appears to be no problem either during the long Arctic days or the equally long Arctic nights. In summer many escape at weekends to log cabins overlooking the icy waters of the fjord. In winter the snow provides an opportunity to overcome the problems of transport by travelling on snow scooters.

Mrs Ingrid Pedersen spends most of her time flying her six-seater Cessna around the islands, providing the vital link between the principal settlements and the remote radio and research stations.

Married to the chairman of a Norwegian company which has been exploring for oil and gas (unsuccessfully) on Spitzbergen for many years, she delights in guiding her aircraft over the mountains and glaciers and through the unpredictable changes in weat

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Polar bears are one rent to tourists. The o the lack of facilities. T no grocery shop to buy s the airport hotel is ex and usually full of offic tors, public transport existent and the taxi c which operates five cars around Longyearbyen ha scale which makes the L Heathrow run a barg comparison.

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There is talk of a tourist hotel being bu the authorities are anx protect the special g and unique features o bergen. The construction airport three years a brought it within comf rtach of the rest of the v and that in many way pity.

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POLISH CHURCH AND NATION

Relations between Germany and Poland are one of the keys to peace in Europe. Without Hitler's invasion of Poland in 1939 there might have been no Second World War. Without the post-war reconciliation between Poland and West Germany there would now be a much more fragile peace. Cardinal Wyszynski's visit to West Germany must be seen against this background. It fills in the essential missing piece in the pattern of reconciliation. The politicians have signed treaties and exchanged visits but on the Polish side only the Church can provide the stamp of national and historical legitimacy. This Cardinal Wyszynski has now done. His Church has represented the Polish nation through centuries of partition and occupation and now carries an authority without the backing of which the Government can rarely claim to be representing the national interest. His visit therefore has as great a political significance as that of Herr Brandt to Warsaw and that of Mr Gierek to Bonn.

It is not that the Church has been slow to accept reconciliation. On the contrary, the Polish bishops were ahead of the politicians in 1966 when they sent a letter to the German bishops offering and begging forgiveness. It was too early. West Germany was not ready to accept the loss of territory to Poland after the war, and the Polish authorities (with some reason, in view of the German attitude) were not ready to forgo the political benefits to be gained from playing on the fear of a German threat. Instead of promoting reconciliation the letter provoked a political storm in Poland, where the Church was accused of betraying the national interest. Not until Herr Brandt brought West Germany to formal recognition of the Polish frontier was the way open to a wider reconciliation. Considering with what savagery the Germans laid waste Poland during the war, and with what stubbornness many West German Christian Democrats clung to impossible territorial claims thereafter, it is a tribute to Polish wisdom that the process has been as quick as it has been.

The fact that the Cardinal was seen off at Warsaw airport by a Deputy Foreign Minister, and that he is now officially acknowledged by representatives of the regime as "an eminent Polish patriot", shows just how far things have moved since 1966. His authority is now implicitly and sometimes even explicitly recognized by the regime. Yet there are still profound antagonisms in the relationship and neither side has abandoned its essential claims. The regime seeks the support of the Church in maintaining what it sees as a common effort to develop Poland. It wants the Church's help in quieting discontent, discouraging violent or immoral behaviour and in communicating with the peasantry and young people in particular. Yet it is not prepared to grant the Church the conditions essential to its work. In particular, it has moved scarcely at all to meet the Church's demand for access to the media and recognition as a legal entity.

For a communist regime to relinquish total control of the media is, of course, a big and risky step. Yet the East German regime has allowed the Church some limited access to television. Moreover the Polish Church has given ample evidence of its high sense of national responsibility. If it is trusted sufficiently to play a sort of ambassadorial role in the nation's foreign affairs, as Cardinal Wyszynski has just done, it could well be trusted with some access to the airwaves. Of course it already has the nation's pulpits, which often have more attentive audiences than the official press, but it is more a question of how far the regime is prepared to go towards openly acknowledging the power and responsibility of the Church. It would be unlikely to lose by acknowledging them somewhat more than it does now.

THE STATE OF PRIMARY EDUCATION

Much discussion of the problems of education takes place on the basis of anecdotal impressions, political prejudices and statistics wrenched from their context. In spite of innumerable research projects, the fundamental questions about teaching practice and pupils' attainments remain in many ways obscure. The series of studies made by the Inspectors of Schools has been a valuable corrective to the more lurid lights. They are candid, sober and based on deep experience. The latest, dealing with primary education in England, is no exception. Firmly rooted in the concrete details of the trade, it should serve in many ways as a handbook for primary school heads and other teachers. It is also an authoritative account of the achievements and failings of our present system for educating younger children.

The picture it presents is not at all a bleak one. The fall in the birthrate has relieved much of the pressure on facilities, especially in deprived urban areas. Teachers are found to have a good working relationship with their pupils and to take a broad view of their responsibilities. They attach particular importance to the basic skills of numeracy and literacy. The study found no evidence to support criticisms made by some witnesses to the Bullock inquiry that children seemed less able to listen in school than they used to be. On the vexed question of whether reading standards are rising or falling, the inspectors are relatively optimistic: their findings are consistent with a gradually rising trend in standards between 1955 and 1976-7. In 1972 a report from the National Foundation for Educational Research found evidence that standards had stagnated since 1960. The new figures, which relate only to 11-year-olds, cannot cancel out that evidence, but they add more weight to the argument that the NFER survey was imperfect, and that standards of literacy may be grounds for concern, but not for despair.

It has been argued that writing and maths are so vital that the curriculum should be made narrower so as to devote more time to them. The report does not support that view. The inspectors find signs that the basic skills are more successfully learnt by children who have good opportunities to apply them in a variety of subjects. The report is more concerned with the danger that the range of high-quality teaching in different subjects may be unduly narrowed by the popularity of the "one class to one teacher" principle. It even sets a higher priority on increasing the effective use of specialist skills among the staff than on the often conflicting objective of reducing class sizes.

Numeracy presents a slightly less satisfactory picture than literacy. In spite of great efforts to link teaching to everyday life, many children still find it hard to relate what they have learnt to everyday problems. No doubt this shortcoming is connected with the fact that so many teachers are weak at the subject themselves (the same factor also applies in science, which in many schools is scarcely taken seriously at all). There is such a determination to make sure of the basics that the interests of abler children are often neglected.

This is found to be the case in other subjects too. Even quite experienced teachers find it difficult to assess the capabilities of their pupils, and they tend to drive them too gently rather than too hard when in doubt. This factor applies particularly where children from immigrant or deprived backgrounds are concerned. In-service training could provide more assistance in this field. As a more immediately available rule of thumb, any teacher struggling with an inattentive and unruly class should ask himself whether they may not be bored because they are not being stretched.

LOCAL BARGAINING ON LOCAL CONDITIONS

Social workers are the victims of a great deal of ill-informed and unjustified criticism. Tainted with the label of "do-gooder" (though, as Lord Longford once remarked, why should there be objection to people who are doing good?) they are accused of being politically motivated (towards the left), attacked as contributing to increased criminality because of their allegedly "soft" attitudes to criminals, and blamed whenever a young child is beaten up by his parents or an elderly person dies of hypothermia. By the nature of their job, much of which is invisible and intangible, it is difficult to measure their achievements, and they accordingly receive less than their fair share of praise and attention for the considerable contribution they make to the social health of the community.

The commitment of social workers to their job is beyond question. For the most part, they work long and irregular hours for a modest salary. Many of them, like doctors, are on call night and day, and many are obliged to deal with people who are at best difficult and at worst dangerous.

The current unrest among social workers in some areas of the country, which has manifested itself in a one-day stoppage in London today, raises a fundamental issue. There is a strongly held feeling, among some social workers that their salary levels do not reflect the exceptional difficulty of their job. They blame the negotiating machinery, which is national, and which provides the same salary grade for working in a pleasant village in Cornwall, dealing with appreciative elderly clients, as for handling vicious young thugs in the deprived and decaying areas of the inner cities. They want to negotiate their salaries locally, to enable local conditions to be taken into account.

They have a good case. On the whole, social workers in the field in the inner cities have to spend far more of their time, undergo a far greater degree of stress, and deal with much more difficult clients, at greater physical and emotional risk to themselves, than those in rural areas or neat towns populated by the better off. They deserve more pay.

There are two ways of establishing a framework in which the claims can be given adequate attention. The first is to retain the national negotiating structure, but create a special class of social worker who, wherever he or she worked, would be entitled to a higher salary grade because of the particular demands of the job. The other method, favoured by those social workers taking industrial action at present, and by Nalgo, their union, is to adopt the principle of local negotiation.

Those workers in the deprived urban problem areas would, in theory, then be able to get more than their colleagues in less demanding places. There are difficulties to that approach, however. There would be nothing to stop a relatively untroubled though rich authority from agreeing to pay more than a poor London borough. Unfortunately, those authorities with the biggest social problems are often also the least able to pay adequate salaries. The second difficulty is that such an approach might act to the disadvantage of some social workers in otherwise sedate areas who have, in fact, difficult individual case loads. Nevertheless local negotiations make more sense. There is nothing logical in national bargaining, since the employers are the separate local authorities. Anomalies within boroughs could easily be dealt with by allowing for discretionary discrimination in favour of those carrying the greatest burden.

Sympathy but no tea

From the chairman of the Charles Rennie Mackintosh Society

Sir, In 1950 the City of Glasgow bought the Ingram Street tea rooms designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Their motives in making the purchase were exactly in line with those advocated by Charles McKean in his recent article (August 26) on the future of the Willow Tea Rooms. In fact, it proved impossible to find anyone prepared to lease the premises to run them as tea rooms, largely because it was virtually impossible to reconcile the new legislation regarding public hygiene and fire prevention with the premises as they existed or could be modified.

The rent required was not the deciding factor, although in a city facing the dreadful social and economic problems confronting Glasgow the expenditure of public money on what must inevitably be thought of as a middle class "tea room" was and remains a highly emotive subject.

When, about the beginning of the year, application was received to redevelop the premises in Sauchiehall Street, including the Willow Tea Rooms, the Charles Rennie Mackintosh Society was consulted by the planning department of the City of Glasgow district council and readily agreed to help with advice and research.

Remembering some of the lessons learnt from the Ingram Street purchase, many of us do not share Mr McKean's easy assumptions as to what should be done about the Willow and we warmly welcome the attitude shown so far by the developers and their architects; and believe the Planning Department are handling the matter in a responsible, sensitive and above all realistic manner.

Is it not equally reasonable to argue that Arrowcroft Management should negotiate with an ideal tenant such as the Fine Art Society what is a reasonable rent for this small part of the total development? A part in which the tenant is bound to be substantially restricted as far as alterations to the fabric are concerned.

The record of the city council and other public bodies in the preservation of Mackintosh's work is not so black as Mr McKean implies, though much remains to be done. In our view, based on public reaction to what has been achieved, Glasgow is no longer indifferent to the importance of Mackintosh.

Funnily enough, Mr McKean mentions neither of the CRM buildings probably most at risk in the long run. I refer to the buildings originally designed for the *Glasgow Herald* and the *Daily Record*, both very much in the private commercial sector. It will require a highly imaginative scheme to save them. What would our Mr McKean suggest, more subsidy and more public ownership?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ford worker's challenge to government pay guidelines

From Mr Donald Hill

Sir, Mr Moss Evans offers the seductive argument that because the Ford Motor Company have enjoyed large profits recently they can afford a large increase of pay for their workers. He goes on to argue that it is the workers who have made the profits and it is therefore right that they should reap the reward.

Suppose that these arguments were to be conceded and, as a result, large increases were granted to Ford workers. What would Mr Evans say to the workers of a much less successful company who demanded "parity" with corresponding workers at Ford's? Would he tell them that their company could not afford the increase and that, furthermore, the poor performance of their company showed that they did not deserve "parity"? Of course not; and he would be right not to employ such an argument.

It is reasonable to assume that the workers of all large manufacturers are, as groups, of very similar quality and moral worth and that the wide difference between the performances of various concerns arise largely from differences in management, design, salesmanship and luck. It is, in any case, unlikely that Mr Evans would attribute the poor performance of any enterprise to the poor quality of its shop floor workers. By the same token, he cannot reasonably base a claim for Ford workers on the good performance of their company.

There is, of course, a school of thought that would encourage all companies to pay good wages when they make profits and to liquidate or retrench when they do not. In a complex economy, however, such purism causes widespread misery and it is not likely to be in the forefront of Mr Evans's mind. It is once again clear that only an unequivocal lead from government can stand in the way of inflationary settlements.

How sad it is that only the smallest of the major parties has the honesty to call openly for an incomes policy. Who can really suppose that any government will, for the foreseeable future, allow the follies of "free collective bargaining" to survive longer than the few disastrous months in which some vestigial but misplaced sense of decency encourages them to act in accordance with their dishonest electoral promises?

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From Mr William Shepherd

Sir, The reckless reaction of the Ford workers to the proposal of a 5 per cent pay increase plus a productivity deal highlights the idiocy of the ritual annual pay increase.

Over a period of something like 10 years annual pay increases have succeeded in reducing the value of the pound to roughly one third of what it was, with precious little increase in the real value of wages. When are the unions going to start thinking instead of rushing into unheeding action? Mr Moss Evans has certainly made a disastrous start to his Presidency.

If it were the case that we simply reduced the value of money internally, this would be regrettable; but the granting of wage increases beyond the increase in the production of real wealth means that we have to devalue the pound—and this in turn means that we have to pay more for all our imported foodstuffs and raw materials, and obtain less for our exports. This clearly depresses our standard of living.

Against a productivity which is of the order of two thirds that of their European counterparts the Ford Motor Company in the United Kingdom can sell its cars here in competition with foreign cars only because of a hugely unfavourable exchange rate. The trade union movement ought, in view of the sad state of British industry generally and the motor car industry particularly, to be interesting itself in stabilising prices and increasing productivity. Unless we can achieve these two objectives there is little hope but for a growing pool of unemployed.

There is nothing that can more depress the prospects of workers in this country than annual wage increases unrelated to increases in productivity. It's time they came to an end and trade unions began to think about our basic problems.

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM SHEPHERD,
77 George Street,
Portman Square, W1.
September 25.

From Mr Michael Montague

Sir, The tragic Ford strike reflects the fact that communicators have not been able to convey the outcome arising from large wage increases.

Recent press hints suggest that senior ministers are "to take to the road" explaining, which I trust proves to be true and could be very helpful. Ford workers themselves should find it easier than many to learn the truth for they can observe the modest wage increases of their German colleagues, the effect this has had on the German economy, and in turn on the continuously rising purchasing power of the German Ford workers.

For those not in a position to make their own comparison I draw attention to a just published study by Canada's Laval University economist, Pierre Fortin, commissioned to investigate the result of the substantial minimum wage increase instructed by the government of Quebec.

The wage increases are assessed to have wiped out at least 25,000 jobs, and perhaps as many as 42,000 in the past 20 months, adding 1 to 1½ per cent to Quebec's unemployment figure. Quebec's jobless rate was a seasonally adjusted 11 per cent in mid-August compared with 8½ per cent in all of Canada. Provincial officials have, understandably, been embarrassed by Mr Fortin's findings. Even Mr Fortin was surprised. He states in the report that he began his investigation with a prejudice in favour of redistributing income within Quebec society but as he gathered data he became convinced a high minimum wage was not the way to do it. He concluded: "It has raised unemployment and actually reduced the earnings from employment of those it is meant to help."

Talking continuously to our own employees I find them most sceptical about the relationship between inflation and unemployment, and it will take much more than individual employers to get over a message which naturally people don't want to hear but the national, and thus their interest, demands they understand.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL MONTAGUE,
Riverside House,
Corney Road,
Chiswick, W4.
September 25.

From Mr Brian Stone

Sir, If the Ford workers' main objection to their management's offer of a pay rise of 5 per cent is the high level of profit the company shows, surely there is a simple remedy which will simultaneously a: remove the workers' sense of injustice, b: improve the company's reputation for social responsibility, and c: reinforce the Government's sensible policy of trying to hold down inflation? That is for Ford to reduce the prices of their products at once. After all, it is not long since a nationalized industry restored some of its excessive profits to the consuming public.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN STONE,
Flat 1, 51 Belsize Avenue, NW3.
September 25.

From Mr James H. Laurie

Sir, The Ford employees seem to base their claim largely on the fact that the company has made big profits and that the workers should share therein. Do they and their union believe that those workers in loss making motor companies should also contribute to the losses?

Would they perhaps go a stage farther and suggest that Post Office employees should share in the large profits and that employees of the British Steel Corporation should contribute to the large losses?

Yours faithfully,
JAMES H. LAURIE,
2/24 Palace Court, W2.
September 25.

From Mr K. H. Oldaker

Sir, The strikers are in breach of a freely negotiated agreement. Yet the press finds this hardly worth mentioning, and Ford are apparently prepared to negotiate another agreement with the dishonourable men whose word cannot be relied on.

Yours faithfully,
K. H. OLDAKER,
4 Summit Close,
Southgate N14.
September 25.

A libel action in 1957

From Lady Lee of Asheridge

Sir, On September 22 you published a statement by Mr Brian Inglis in which he asserts that a few days after the 1957 libel action brought against the *Spectator* by Aneurin Bevan, Dick Crossman and Morgan Phillips, Dick Crossman told him they had all committed perjury.

In the same news item you again quote Inglis, this time saying that Dick Crossman told him he had not committed perjury as he had been drinking only wine, not whisky.

Then, in the very same piece, you go on to quote Mr Waugh as saying that at a 1972 *Private Eye* lunch party, Crossman had said that "he and Bevan had both been as pissed as newts".

It seems evident that you have not been able to persuade these two gentlemen to get together and make up their minds what it is they are trying to say. For what is the charge: Dick a self-confessed perjurer? Or Dick denying he was drunk? Or Dick boasting 15 years later that they were "pissed as newts"?

I have so far refrained from taking part in this unsavoury controversy because throughout the whole of his stormy life, about the only form of abuse not thrown at Nye by certain elements in the press was that of being "drunk on duty".

If at the time the *Spectator* had apologized, as it was asked to do, that would have been the end of the matter. But it refused to do so. Nye could then leave unchallenged the accusation that he had let down his side by drunken, unseemly behaviour at an international Socialist Conference, or seek to clear himself in court. A judge and jury reached a verdict in his favour.

Now, 21 years later, a few cautious scavengers are having great fun seeking to damage the reputation of better men than themselves; now that they can do so without risk of any kind, since the men they are attacking can no longer reply.

I hope, Sir, you feel proud of the aid and comfort you have given to these earnest, pure minded seekers after truth. If you can stomach this kind of thing, you are no better than they are for you know perfectly well that they would not have dared make these accusations during Aneurin Bevan's lifetime.

Yours faithfully,
JENNIE LEE,
House of Lords.
September 26.

Shorter prison sentences

From Mr David Kidner

Sir, Both Vivien Stern (September 21) and Janet Fookes (September 15) speak of the movement for shorter prison sentences as if it were something which sprang unexpectedly last year from the Advisory Council on the Penal System.

In fact it was the Justices' Clerks' Society which, in a seminal paper published in 1976, first made out the case for shorter sentences for the first offender.

We also support a general review of prison sentences, although we have reservations about the simplistic approach to the problem of the ACPS.

However, our main concern as members of a professional body and of the wider community must be to contain the problem of rising crime, particularly when child crime has in general been growing faster than adult crime, female crime faster than male and, worst, serious crime fastest of all.

Given that the courts are now alive to the need to avoid *unnecessary* incarceration, few but the more extreme would deny the need for some offenders to be locked up, either for the protection of the public or to deter others from imitating their example.

Unfortunately, the courts are often persuaded, or even prevented, from doing this because of the failure of successive governments to provide sufficient prison and detention centre places.

The search for a more positive alternative to prison has led to many worthwhile experiments, but none has so far shown itself successful in all respects. Even the suspended sentence, the Home Office now accepts, may have increased the size of the prison population.

We should all look forward to the day when the last prison can be closed. Until then, as a nation, we put our property, peace of mind and even our lives in pawn by failing to face up to this problem.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID KIDNER,
Honorary Secretary,
Justices' Clerks' Society,
St Mary's Hall,
Coventry.
September 21.

Hampton Court limes

From Mr Christopher Dadd

Sir, The debate about the clear felling of the Lime Avenue at Hampton Court really revolves around the aesthetic and landscape aspects of this special situation. But no one can challenge the need to fell old trees which have become dangerous.

The Tree Council has a responsibility to encourage the maintenance and planting of trees in order that future generations may enjoy the beauty that trees can give in both town and country. This is a wider national problem than that revolving round the clear felling and replanting of the Hampton Court limes.

Trees do not live for ever. Three hundred years is a remarkable span for any tree. Some of the lime trees at Hampton Court are said to be of this age. Because trees decay and die with age or sometimes have to be removed for building and road developments, it is the more important that replanting is a regular if infrequent requirement.

Let us all take a look around us and see that there are adequate numbers of young trees to replace the old ones as they disappear or have to be removed.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER DADD,
Director, The Tree Council,
35 Belgrave Square, SW1.

The Battle of Britain

From Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Sir William Dickson

Sir, I am 80 years old today, September 24, but one does not have to be that old or that wise or even an Air Marshal to see clearly that Hitler's failure to neutralize the United Kingdom after the fall of France lost him the war.

We could not have developed our considerable military power outside these islands and there was no other base from which the United States could exert its enormous military potential effectively against Germany.

Preeminently, the United Kingdom was the only base from which Allied air power could strike decisively at Germany's own military potential.

So it was vital for Hitler to concentrate all his endeavours and resources to eliminate or neutralize this threat before attacking Russia.

What might have been the outcome if this had been his strategic priority in 1940 and 1941 we shall never know. But we do know that the defeat of the Luftwaffe over SE England in 1940 decided Hitler against it and he threw himself on Russia and allowed us to gather our strength.

The importance of battles is their effect on the mind and the will of the enemy. That is why the Battle of Britain, like Trafalgar, was one of the decisive battles of history.

This fact in no way detracts from the importance of our sea power or our victory in the Battle of the Atlantic. But it was not our sea power which changed Hitler's mind.

There is nothing more of importance to say except to ponder why in 1973, on the centenary of Lord Trenchard's birthday, you chose to publish an article belittling his reputation and deploring his fight to preserve the establishment of the Royal Air Force and his belief in the development of air power, without which we should have been defenceless and powerless in 1940.

And why in Battle of Britain Week in 1974 you chose to give prominence to an article by the same author disparaging the importance of the Battle.

And now again in 1978, with the same timing, and in the 60th anniversary year of the formation of the Royal Air Force, you seem actually to sponsor this author as an authority for contending that the Battle of Britain was an emotional illusion.

I like to think that you publish contentious articles on your main "features" page to provoke correspondence which will establish truth.

There are some I know who take a less kindly view of your encouragement of the author in question.

I think we all hope that you will now leave it to objective judgments of history to keep issues of this national importance in their correct perspective.

Yours faithfully,
W. F. DICKSON,
Foxbriar House,
Cold Ash,
Newbury,
Berkshire.
September 24.

Conservatives and race

From Winston S. Churchill, MP for Stretford (Conservative)

Sir, It is symptomatic of the desperation of the tiny rump of the once-great Liberal Party that its members, bereft of all convincing political argument since demonstrating their willingness to aid and abet the cause of socialism, should now lash out with wild and vicious smears, alleging their political opponents are "racist".

Lord Avebury, Liberal spokesman on immigration and race relations, in a letter you saw fit to print (September 22) endeavours to substantiate the McCarthyite smear of his party leader, Mr David Steel, that "racialism has pervaded the thinking of the Conservative Party" by citing me as one of three Conservative Members of Parliament who he alleges it is "obvious . . . [have] come dangerously close to the National Front line in some of their pronouncements."

He thereupon proceeds to attribute to me words I have never spoken, alleging that he drew them from a speech I made in the House of Commons during the passage of the Race Relations Act, 1976.

I have certainly long campaigned for an effective curb on the apparently endless flood of immigrants to this country and I shall continue to do so as I believe that nothing poses a greater threat to good race relations or to Britain's future as a liberal democracy.

I did not in fact take part in the debates on the Race Relations Bill beyond a brief intervention in the form of a question to the Home Secretary in the course of his speech.

Possibly Lord Avebury has in mind the speech I made in the course of a debate on immigration on July 5, 1976 (Official Report col 998 et seq).

Among the points I made in my speech were the following:

"There are more than 10,000 coloured immigrants in my constituency out of a population of 120,000: that is about one third of the estimated coloured population of Lancashire.

It is very important that in this debate we should draw attention to the good relations that exist between these communities and the majority community. Above all, we should pay tribute to the way in which British people, with enormous tolerance and friendship in the overwhelming majority of cases, have accepted into their midst a large number of people of an alien race, culture and religion. It would be very dangerous to trespass too far on that tolerance and generosity, but I fear we are in danger of doing that. . . .

We cannot fail to recognize the deep bitterness that exists among ordinary people who one day were living in Lancashire and woke up the next day in New Delhi, Calcutta, or Kingston, Jamaica. . . . The fact is that, for better or worse, we have made this country a multi-racial society, and there can be no going back on that.

Although I believe that generous arrangements should be made available to anyone who wishes to return to the country that he regards as his homeland, it is unrealistic to imagine that anything other than a relatively small minority will wish to go back.

We must recognize that the majority have put down their roots in this country. They are British and wish to remain British. I yield to no one in upholding the rights of such immigrants and of the immigrant community as a whole in our society.

Therefore, I have involved myself in such matters. Indeed I believe I was the first Member to launch the campaign to allow Sikhs to be exempted from the crash-helmet legislation. We owe it to the different minorities in our community to recognize their particular problems. . . .

I am sure that all Honourable Members would agree that there can be no second-class citizens in our country. No one who is proud to be British should tolerate any discrimination on grounds of colour or race. We have set ourselves a very difficult task, but I believe that at its present level it is within our capability to deal with. I believe that the nation can rise to the challenge.

That the Liberal Party spokesman is able to describe the above remarks as a prime example of Conservative "racism" only demonstrates the extent to which leading Liberals have lost all contact with reason or sound judgment.

Lord Avebury and those of his colleagues who have seen fit to launch their party on this squalid smear-campaign would do well to have some regard for truth before indulging in further wild and malicious attacks.

It is not my wish to indulge in litigation against Lord Avebury. However, unless he promptly arranges to publish a full and unequivocal retractation of his false and defamatory statements about me, my solicitors have instructions to commence proceedings for libel against him.

Yours faithfully,
WINSTON S. CHURCHILL,
House of Commons.
September 23.

Statesmanlike qualities

From Mr William Waldegrave

Sir, Mr Norman Gear (September 26) need not be alarmed. There is another tradition in Britain which can fill the vacuum left by the departing idealogues without recourse to a Nietzchean dawn. It is called Conservatism. Don't panic yet. Read Gilmour, Utley, Oakeshott, Hailsham, Cecil, Burke, instead.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM WALDEGRAVE,
Prospective parliamentary candidate (Conservative), Bristol West,
5 Westfield Park,
Bristol.
September 26.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE

September 26: The Prince of Wales this morning gave the Opening Address to the International Atlantic Salmon Symposium at the University of Edinburgh.

His Royal Highness later signed the Roll of Honorary Members of the Faculty of Advocates, Parliament Hall, Edinburgh.

KENSINGTON PALACE

September 26: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester returned from Jersey this morning.

In the afternoon the Duke of Gloucester was entertained to Luncheon by the Mayor of Bath (Councillor K. J. Holloway), and later opened the Camden Works Museum, Bath.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

September 26: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, gave a lunch in honour of His Excellency Mr *Geronimo* Velasco, Minister of Energy, Republic of The Philippines, at Admiralty House, Whitehall.

Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley RN was in attendance.

Princess Olga, Mrs Thomas Mathew, *gave birth to a son in* London on September 26.

Birthdays today

Sir Robert Adcock, 79; Sir Philip Hendy, 78; Lieutenant-General Sir Ian Jacob, 79; Dr R. L. James, 73; Lieutenant-Colonel A. D. C. Macaulay, 81; Lieutenant-General Sir Terence McMeekin, 60; Sir Bernard Miles, 71; Sir Edward Nichols, 67; Mr Justice Payne, 74; General Sir Ian Riches, 70; Lord Shepherd, 60.

Today's engagements

The Duchess of Gloucester attends fashion show in aid of Opera House Trust, Buxton, Derbyshire, 6.30.

The Duchess of Kent opens development of Tunbridge Wells Council of Service Housing Society, Tunbridge Wells, 2.55.

Lectures: Hogarth's imagination, Tate Gallery, 1. Victorians by the sea, seaside photography, Victoria and Albert Museum, 1.15. Listening to organ music, St Lawrence Jewry, 1.15.

Recitals: Christine Shepherd, piano, St Olave's, Hart Street, 1.05. Richard Townend, organ, St Margaret Lothbury, City, 1.10. Patricia Nelson, organ, St Bride's, Fleet Street, 1.15. Martyn Dyke, Piano, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Holborn Viaduct, 1.15.

Walks: A journey through Dickens's London, meet Embankment station, 11. 1660s, Great Plague and Great Fire, meet Tower Hill station, 7.30.

Memorial service: Mme Tamara Karsavina, St Martin-in-the-Fields, noon.

Latest wills

Lady Rae, widow of Sir James Stanley Rae, of Bayswater, London, left £31,560 net. She left £9,000 to personal legatees and the residue to St Martin-in-the-Fields, London.

Miss Violet Gething Davies, of Wembley, left £74,611 net. She left all of her property equally among the Royal London Society for the Blind, RNID, Spastics Society, British Heart Foundation, and Leprosy Mission.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):

Harrison, Mrs Ursula Pearsall, of Epsom £330,078

Jackson, the Right Rev Fabian Mentreath Elliott, of Bristol, Assistant Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1950-67 .. .. .. £32,755

Webb, Mrs Edith Mary, of Chippenham £233,396

Renwick, Mr Edward David, of St Leonards-on-Sea, barrister £126,683

Schottlander, Mr Heinrich Erich, of Southgate, London .. £175,938

Elmhurst Ballet School

The board of governors of Elmhurst Ballet School announce the appointment of Miss Herida May as artistic director with effect from January 1, 1979.

Miss Felicity Gray, artistic director for some time, is moving to a new position as project administrator, thus continuing her close association with the school.

Taunton School

At the annual general meeting of the governors of Taunton School held on Monday, September 25, *Dr John Roberts*, Acting Warden of Merton College, Oxford, was elected president of the school council. Mr D. J. Cooper, chairman of the finance and general purposes committee, and the Hon Lady Waley-Cohen a governor of the school council.

Judge retires

Judge Stansfield has retired from the *Northern Circuit bench*. He was appointed a county court judge in 1963 and became a circuit judge in 1972.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. H. J. Adeane and Miss O. Fehr

The engagement is announced between James, son of Sir Robert Adeane, of Loudham Hall, Suffolk, and the late Lady Adeane, and Olinda, daughter of Mr Basil Fehr, of Slodden Farm, Dymchurch, Kent, and Mrs Greta Fehr, of 44 Tite Street, London, SW3.

Mr C. G. F. Anderson and Miss P. B. Fisher

The engagement is announced between Charles, second son of Dr and Mrs Thomas B. Anderson, of 32 Millington Road, Cambridge, and Philippa, youngest daughter of Major and Mrs A. T. Fisher, of Hatfield Peverel, shortly moving to *The Shrubbery, Curling* Tye Green, Woodham Walter, Essex.

Mr D. G. Cantrell and Miss J. E. C. Galbraith

The engagement is announced between David Grindon, younger son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Cantrell, of Sheffield, and Jane Elspeth Christine, second daughter of Professor and Mrs William Galbraith, also of Sheffield.

Mr D. M. Dow and Miss J. E. Emerson

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs James Dow, of Edinburgh, and Juliet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Emerson, of Smarden, Kent.

Mr N. J. Kozowyk and Miss A. C. B. Cory

The engagement is announced from Canada between *Ned* John, son of Mr and Mrs A. *Kozowyk*, of Waterdown, and Alison Catherine Barnard, daughter of the late Rev Paul A. B. Cory and Mrs Cory, of 4 Brunstane Road, Edinburgh, EH15 2EY.

Mr I. A. S. *Matheson* and Miss C. S. Mason

The engagement is announced between Ian Alasdair Swan, son of Mr T. S. *Matheson, FRCS*, and Dr A. M. Matheson, of Holtby, York, and Carolyn Susan, daughter of Professor R. Mason, FRS, and Mrs *Mason, of London* and Roedean.

Mr C. J. Sehmer *and Dr K. M. Englehart*

The engagement is announced between James, only son of the late Major J. Sehmer and of Mrs *M. Sehmer, of Sulham* House, Pangbourne, and Karin Margaret, only daughter of the late Mr and Mrs A. Englehart.

Marriage

Mr R. Davenport and Miss J. McCallum

The marriage took place on September 20 at the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer and St Thomas More, Chelsea, between Mr Roger Davenport, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs John Davenport, and Miss Joanna McCallum, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John McCallum, of Sydney, Australia. Father Richard Johnson officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Miss Amanda McCallum and Miss Helen Davenport.



Tower chess sets: Pieces from a chess set commissioned by the Committee of the Tower of London to commemorate the Tower's 900 years of history. It was sculpted in pewter by Charles Staddon and handpainted in minute detail. All the characters used in the set were residents of the Tower, and those on black bases lost their lives in unfortunate circumstances. Pieces shown above are, from the left, William the Conqueror, Anne Boleyn, Archbishop Laud, the White Tower, Yeoman Warder and Sir Thomas More. Buckingham Pewter will make 500 copies of the set, which complete with reproduction Jacobean chess tables will cost £1,200 each. A substantial part of the proceeds will go to the Constable's Fund for St Peter's and St John's chapels at the Tower.

Stolen art works fetch less than expected

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

The controversial sale of Japanese works of art stolen two years ago from the London flat of Mr William W. Winkworth at Christie's yesterday brought a total of £25,130, with 7 per cent unsold. That was below expectations, but it is not clear whether the controversy over ownership affected prices.

The 234 pieces were among those stolen from a collection formed by Mr Winkworth, the leading oriental scholar, over many years. They were sold to an Italian who consigned them to Christie's for sale.

It was when other pieces came up at Christie's in March last year that they were recognized. A High Court action is pending to determine the ownership of the property.

Meanwhile the sale has gone ahead with the consent of Mr Winkworth and the Italian purchaser. Christie's assured its clients that the title of purchasers to the goods cannot be challenged.

The pieces in yesterday's sale were interesting but not outstanding. The top price was £650 (estimate £200 to £260) for a nineteenth-century group of single-case wood inro (or pouch), a netsuke carved from a walnut and ojime carved as an octopus.

A nineteenth-century circular lacquer netsuke decorated with chrysanthemum blossoms made £420 (estimate £80 to £110) to Nihon To Ken. Eskenazi paid the same price for a three-tiered lacquer box dating from the eighteenth century or earlier (estimate £140 to £200).

Phillips yesterday held their biggest jewel sale with a total of £260,354 and 5 per cent unsold. Music, the London dealer, paid £19,000 (estimate £16,000 to £20,000) for a suite of diamond jewelry by Asprey of London, a brooch, ring, bracelet, earrings and necklace.

Among the curiosities was a gold and enamel Fabergé holder for erasers. It made £800 (estimate £1,000 to £1,500). A Fabergé paper knife made £2,000 (estimate £900 to £1,200).

A sale of jewels at Christie's South Kensington also brought a packed sale room. The total was £29,320, with 10 per cent unsold.

The sale of remaining contents of Wateringbury Place in Kent finished after two days with a total of £146,578 and 14 per cent unsold; that reflects one or two pictures that were scorned by buyers and a few pieces of furniture that dealers did not apparently consider as old as Christie's did.

The top price in yesterday's sale was £3,600 (estimate £2,500 to £3,500) to William Bedford for a George III mahogany breakfront secretaire bookcase.

At Sotheby's yesterday a sale of English ceramics and reference books made £32,898, with 4 per cent unsold. A sale of Victorian paintings at Sotheby's Belgravia made £34,016, with 6 per cent unsold.

£13,500 table: British buyers dominated the bidding at Phillips' sale of good English and Continental furniture and works of art, which totalled £146,186, with 2 per cent unsold. The top price was £13,500 (estimate £10,000), paid by Adams for a Sheraton period mahogany library table in the manner of George Seddon, a London cabinet maker, who died in 1777.

The same buyer paid £7,000 for a set of George II mahogany dining chairs in Chippendale Gothic taste (estimate £6,000). A pair of satinwood and ormolu-mounted vitrines in Louis XV style went to Alexander for £5,800 (estimate £4,500).

Science report

Obstetrics: Hazard of induction

By Our Medical Correspondent

One of the most widely voiced criticisms of present-day hospital obstetrics is that doctors are too ready to advise induction of labour, the use of drugs and other stimplants to start the process of childbirth. The opponents of *induction will be given further* ammunition by a report from St Mary's Maternity Hospital, Portsmouth, of an association between *induction and serious loss of blood* by the mother.

The proportion of women giving birth at the hospital whose labour was induced has risen from 37 per cent in the early 1970s to 42 per cent more recently. In the same period there was a small but disturbing rise, from 5.6 per cent to 8.6 per cent, in the number of women who had a postpartum haemorrhage (defined as loss of more than 600ml of blood after the birth of the baby).

To find out whether those two trends were linked, the obstetricians made a computer analysis of nearly 5,000 hospital records of deliveries. The incidence of postpartum haemorrhage was substantially higher in those *women who had had their labours* induced than in those who had not. The difference was especially striking in women having their first babies: the rates were 6.4 per cent in induced labours and 3.7 per cent in spontaneous labours.

One explanation of that difference might be that the reason for *induction of labour might often* have been some obstetric abnormality associated with a higher risk of haemorrhage. The Portsmouth doctors believe that was not the case: there were, in fact, more "abnormal" deliveries in the women whose labours were *spontaneous. Instead, the report* suggests, the most likely explanation is that the more rapid labours induced by the drugs may exhaust *the uterus and so impair the* normal mechanisms that control bleeding. Postpartum haemorrhage should, it concludes, be added to the list of complications of induction of labour.

Source: *British Medical Journal*, September 23 (p 855).

Dinners

North Eastern Circuit

One hundred and seventy-two members of the North Eastern Circuit attended a dinner held in honour of Mr Justice Smith at Newcastle on Saturday, September 23. Among those present were: Lord Justice Waller, Mr Justice Boreham, Sir Geoffrey Wrangham, Mr M. Taylor, QC, Leader of the Circuit, and Sir M. J. A. Murphy, Junior of the Circuit.

Institute of Practitioners in Advertising

Sir Henry Marking, chairman of the British Tourist Authority, was the guest of honour at the council dinner of the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising, held at Goldsmiths' Hall, London, EC2, last night. Mr Rodney Millard, president of the Institute, presided.

Memorial meeting

Mr N. Bentley

A meeting in celebration of the life of Mr Nicolas Bentley was held at St Paul's, Covent Garden, yesterday. Readings were given by Mr Andrew Cruickshank and Commander Nicholas Hastings (brother-in-law). Among others present were:

Mrs Bentley (widow), Mrs A. Grant (daughter), Mrs N. Hastings and Mrs M. Dowden (sisters-in-law), Mrs A. Green, Lord Taylor, Lord Goodman, Lady Amon, Sir Denis Hamilton, Sir Roger Falk, Sir Robert Lusty, Sir Anthony Lousada, Sir Hugh and Lady Casson, Lady Ashton, Mrs Andrew Cruickshank, Mr and Mrs H. B. Marshall, Mr Andre Deutsch, Mr Cedric Price, Miss Philippa Pearce, Miss Kaye Webb, Mr Peter Ford, Mr Laurie Lee, the Rev John Arrowsmith, Mr F. R. R. Bearton, Mr M. J. Lasky, Commander and Mrs K. St. S. Cohen, Mr Leonard Rossman, Mr and Mrs Eliot Hodgkin, Mrs Norah Smallwood (chairman, Chatto and Windus) with Mr Ian Parsons, Mr L. S. Lebus, Miss Rita Gielgud, Mr John Stafford-Moule, Mrs Jane Grasme, Mrs Monica Usborne, Mr H. van Thal, Mr Graham C. Greene (Jonathan Cape), Mr Richard Ingrams, Miss Eleanor Bron, Mr A. Beaumont, Miss A. Spanier, Mr Francis Goodman, Mr Frank Cook (Book Papers), Mr James Mitchell (Mitchell Beazley) and Mrs Mitchell, Mr Michael Robinstein, Mr H. Rubinstein, Mr T. G. Rosenthal, Mr Philip Hope-Wallace ("The Guardian"), Mr Tony Preston ("Private Eye"), Miss D. P. Laidman (Artists' General Benevolent Institute), Mr Frank Lloyd (chairman, Garrick Club) Mr and Mrs Murray J. Pollinger, Mr M. van Milne (Thomas Nelson Publishers), and Mr Samuel Carr (Batsford Publishers).

25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, Sept 26, 1953

Azizio Plain, Libya, Sept 25.—Over this shimmering desert land today *Lieutenant-Commander* M. J. Lithgow succeeded in his first serious attempt in the Supermarine Swift F4 to establish a *new world air speed record. Late* tonight the Royal Aero Club announced that his average for four runs over the Azizio course was a *speed of 737.3 miles per* hour, which showed a margin of 10 miles an hour over the existing record.

Fine weather helps growers to achieve eight gold medals

Outstanding exhibits at the RHS autumn show

By Our Horticultural Correspondent

The Royal Horticultural Society's Great Autumn Show is particularly spectacular this year. The new and old halls at Westminster are filled to capacity with some outstanding and highly interesting exhibits, and there are more than last year.

Many visitors regard this show as a miniature Chelsea Flower Show, and they will not be disappointed at the wide range and variety of plants.

Unlike Chelsea, at which many plants are forced or retarded to give of their best for late May, the hardy plants at this show are essentially those that naturally appear to best advantage in late summer and early autumn.

There are also tender plants for greenhouse or indoor growing, as well as fruit, vegetables and herbs.

Several specialist societies have exhibits, including the Cyclamen Society, showing a range of hardy autumn flowering varieties in a natural environment; and the Orchid Society of Great Britain with some fine specimen plants.

There is a fascinating and representative collection of the mainly Mexican genus *Echeveria* (De Candolle) in cultivation from the private collections of W. G. Hollis, H. R. Jeffs and G. Southon.

Eight gold medals have been awarded by the RHS, a sure indication of the high quality of exhibits.

Aylett's Nurseries, London Colney, have staged a superb colour graded display of dahlias of all types in the peak of perfection to win their gold medal.

Some that are attracting attention are 'Je Maintiendrai', a golden-salmon glam decorative; 'Jescot Monica', small white decorative; 'Sweet Content', small yellow, tipped rose-pink, decorative; 'Hamari Katrina', pale yellow large semi-cactus; 'Quel Diable', deep orange large semi-cactus; 'Starfire', scarlet-red spider-like small cactus; 'Nijinsky', light purple small ball; and 'Downham Royal', deep purple miniature ball. There are also some good vases of mixed types and miniatures.

Another gold medal has been awarded to Butterfields Nursery, Upper Bourne End, also for an excellent exhibit of dahlias in superb condition.

Because of the better weather during the past month, rose growers have been able to find some very good quality blooms and clean foliage to display.

A gold medal for John Mattock Ltd, Oxford, was well deserved for their large display of many types of roses. 'Priscilla Burton' (syn 'Macrat'), the silvery-white and carmine red floribunda introduced this year, is proving as popular as anticipated, as is their new hybrid tea 'Dekorat' with *fragrant blooms.*

'Momento' (syn 'Dicbar') with its salmon vermillion blooms is another popular new floribunda. *Also showing to great advantage* are the repeat flowering apricot climber 'Schoolgirl', two, as yet unnamed, seedlings for next year, and some of the *Rosa moyesii* group and *Rosa rubrifolia* with plentiful displays of colourful hips.

R. Harkness and Company, Hitchen, won a well deserved gold medal for their magnificent display of roses, mainly of the hybrid tea and floribunda types but with some shrub and species roses.

New this year and flowering well are 'Silver Jubilee', a *beautiful pink hybrid tea, and* 'Frank Naylor', a fragrant shrub rose with single flowers of deep crimson with golden centres, very *useful for creating a free flowering* barrier.

The National Chrysanthemum Society have won a gold medal for their tastefully arranged exhibit of vases of mixed chrysanthemums, which demonstrates well how these plants can be used by flower arrangers for long lasting effect.

Two firms that specialize to a large extent in trees and shrubs, Hilliers of Winchester Ltd, and Notcutts Nurseries Ltd, have been awarded gold medals.

Hilliers have a central display of many varieties of fruiting shrubs, and among the more unusual plants surrounding this are *Caryopteris clandenensis* 'Heavenly Blue', good deep blue flowers on compact plants; *Cotoneaster hybrida pendula*, laden with *berrier on its weeping* branches; *Cotoneaster distichus tongolensis* with its red berries freely produced; *Berberis* 'Parkjuweel', *one of the best barberries wor* autumn leaf colour; *Viburnum davidii*, with its unusual blue berries, and *Pernettya mucronata* 'Mulberry Wine', *with its deep* pink berries set off against a foil of evergreen leaves.

Notcutts have created their *centrepiece primarily of malus and* crataegus to give a good display of autumn leaf and fruit colours.

Thomas Rochford and Sons, Ltd, Broxbourne, *won their gold medal* for an imaginative display of houseplants. They took the opportunity to introduce two new *varieties, Peperomia* 'Azzec Gold', a particularly colourful variegated form with the leaves yellow to lime-green with red veins, and *Fiscus* 'Europa', (common name Zulu Shield) with fine variegated leaf markings and less susceptiablity to browning of the leaves.

Bressingham Gardens, Diss, have been awarded a gold medal in the Lindley range for their outstanding exhibit of rare and unusual conifers, mainly consisting of abies (firs), picea (spruce) and pinus (pines). Most of these are dwarf varieties that lend themselves to rock gardens or mixed border planting, or for ground cover.

The various floral committees received many plants for consideration for awards and the following received awards of merit:

Paphiopedilum 'Transvaal Jubilee', green and purple, Ratcliffe Orchids Ltd, Didcot. Gentiana sino-ornata alba, white, W. E. Th. Ingwersen Ltd, East Grinstead. Corydalis solidus 'Snowingdale Silver', silver-green plumes; Colquhounia coccinea, red; and Hedychium coccineum, orange and red; all for mutia director, Kew Gardens. Schizandra rubrifolium, red berries, C. Lloyd, Northiam. Peperomia resedaeflora, red stems, white flowers; and Pilea cadierei nana, variegated foliage; both from L. Maurice Mason, Kings Lynn. Eryngium agarifolium, purple thistles, Mrs W. V. Bowie, Thomas Carlisle Ltd, Twyford.

The show is open today from 10 am to 8 pm and tomorrow from 10 am to 5 pm.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Air Commodore Henry Probert, *former director of RAF Education*, to be head of the RAF's air historical branch.

Mr John Morgan, general manager of British Rail Pension Funds, to be chairman of the Post Office Users' National Council until September 30, 1981.

Sir Charles Curran, former Director General of the BBC, to be chairman of the Royal Television *Society's news awards committee*. The 1977-78 news awards will be extended to include current affairs and television journalism.

Architecture report

Hull: Tall flats make odd news from nowhere

If the new Humber bridge goes from nowhere to nowhere, as has been suggested, that makes Kingston-upon-Hull nowhere. Out on a peninsular limb, off main transport routes, and suffering from a savagely declined economic base, it could indeed be said that Hull is becoming "nowhere". There is some startling news *from nowhere.*

Two new tall blocks of flats are being erected in Anlaby Road, which have been named by some *local people* "the last of the dinosaurs". That cannot be an accurate description. According to Walt Disney's film, *Fantasia*, dinosaurs were warm, lovable and cuddly creatures, if somewhat large. Of those epithets, only large could be applied to Anlaby Road.

It is a shock to realize that 15-storey slab blocks are still being constructed. They are more redolent of the early 1960s than the *late 1970s.*

That is not surprising, since the two blocks being built are the last of a series of five originally *planned* in the early 1960s which, in turn, had their origin in the 1945 Abercrombie plan for Hull.

Why are they still being built, particularly since Department of the Environment housing subsidies have discriminated against high-rise since 1967?

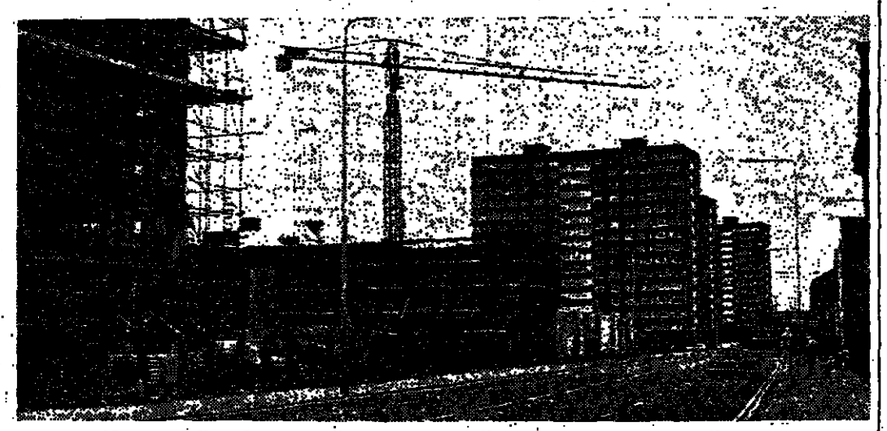
Two possible reasons present themselves. *First Hull's isolation* may have caused an intellectual time-lag. Perhaps in 1988 they will be building skateboard parks.

Second, and more plausible, is the possibility that a scheme of five blocks was part of a contract signed many years ago and only now being completed. It is for those reasons that the London Borough of Southwark found itself extending a notorious estate in Walworth long after its disadvantages had become apparent.

Be that as it may, Hull city officials claim to like the blocks. The 224 flats are for letting to small families only, in one and two-bedroom flats. The view over the shopping centre and over the Humber beyond is extolled.

With luck, a great deal of luck, the absence of many children should prevent the blocks from decaying as fast as those for which the tenants were not so carefully selected.

But the occupancy of high flats is not the only criterion by which to judge them. They are prominent constructions. It is too early to be sure that the detail of the new will be precisely the same as the existing; the windows look different. Credit for the buildings must go to the city architect's department and to Wimpey.



Two tall blocks of flats being erected in Anlaby Road, Kingston-upon-Hull.

Credit for what? One must presume that the flats will perform their function, and hope that Hull has learnt from the difficulties encountered by such buildings elsewhere.

But delight is a different matter. Architectural criteria of proportion, light and shade, relationship, appropriate materials, scale, setting, juxtaposition of curve and rectangle, and interesting detail can hardly be applied to those slabs.

Yet it is possible to produce delightful blocks of flats, as has been demonstrated throughout the world. Stacking flats on top of one another is not a sufficient excuse for ugliness.

Just as Hull seems to be a decade behind the times with such flats, so also it seems to be in its attitude to its areas of Victorian terraces. With a large number of such buildings, the city has declared only one general improvement area and (as yet) no housing action areas. Municipalization and clearance continue.

Recent reports have shown how essential is for a town to be bright, well kept, with a good environment, if it is to attract new business. Hull needs new business.

But the combined image of the Anlaby Road flats and the neglect of Victorian houses does not seem *the best way of persuading* new businesses to settle there.

Charles McKean

Law Report September 26 1978

Employment Appeal Tribunal

Dismissal in winding up of company not unfair

Fox Brothers (Clothes) Ltd v Bryant

It was doubtful whether there could be an unfair dismissal in the case of a properly conducted entry into liquidation, Mr Justice *Kilner Brown said in the Employ*ment Appeal Tribunal.

The appeal tribunal allowed an appeal by the liquidator of Fox Brothers *(Clothes)* Ltd against the decision of a London industrial tribunal awarding Mrs J. Bryant, a packer, compensation for unfair dismissal.

MR JUSTICE KILNER BROWN, sitting with Mrs A. Taylor and Mr S. C. Marley, said that the case raised an interesting and novel question, namely whether dismissal pursuant to a declared voluntary liquidation could be unfair.

It seemed to the appeal tribunal that upon voluntary liquidation an expressed instant dismissal in the event of an unexpired contract of service was a breach of con*tract giving rise to a claim for* damages.

In the instant case the basis of the claim was that one or two people had not been dismissed out of hand as Mrs Bryant had, and therefore her dismissal was unfair. Selection for redundancy might, if unreasonably carried out, be an unfair dismissal as well as dismissal for redundancy. But where some people were sensibly and reasonably retained temporarily in *employment in order to* achieve an orderly winding up it did not follow that the dismissal of others not so retained was an unfair *dismissal.*

The appeal tribunal had considered and distinguished on the facts *Pambakian v Brentford Nylons Ltd* [1978] ICR 665). The appeal must be allowed and the award set aside.

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR DAVID GLASS

Pioneer studies on population

Professor David Glass, FRS, FBA, died in London on September 23. His death occurred only a week before his retirement as Martin White Professor of Sociology at the London School of Economics, at a time at which his vigour seemed undiminished and he had many plans for research and teaching.

David Glass was connected with the London School of Economics for 50 years, although his numerous activities took him to the four corners of the world. Born in 1911, he came to LSE in 1928 and received his BSc (Econ) in 1931. "As a student", wrote Sir William (later Lord) Beveridge in 1932, "Glass was regarded as one of the most *promising men of his year"*; if he nevertheless got a mere "upper second", this was "because he occupied himself too much with the activities of the Students' Union" (not actually the kind of activity for which he was known in later years).

From 1932 to 1940 Glass worked as a research assistant first to Beveridge himself, then to Professor Bowley, to Professor Hogben in the Social Biology Department and to the Population Investigation Committee. Much of Glass's work as a demographer and statistician *matured in this period.* In 1940, Glass went to the United States as a Rockefeller Fellow. Here, public duties caught up with him; *it was the time in* which (as the then Director of LSE, Sir Alexander Carr-Saunders, wrote) "anybody who has any remote claim to be a statistician [was] gobbled up at once by some government office". Glass, who had far more than a remote claim, was "gobbled up" by the Ministry of Supply, first as Chief Statistician to the British Petroleum Mission in Washington, then as Assistant Director for overseas statistics in the Ministry. From 1944 he was Director of the family sample census for the Royal Commission on Population.

After 1945, David Glass's career combined academic success with wide-ranging interests in the international development of his subject, demography, and of its applications. A Reader in demography in 1945, he became Professor of Sociology in 1948 and Martin White Professor in 1961. He was widely recognized by his profession, and served as president of both its British and international associations. In 1946, he declined an offer to join the United Nations Organization permanently, but he served on several occasions as United Kingdom Representative to United Nations and UNESCO conferences and travelled widely. In 1960, he first went to India, a country which he came to love and visit as often as he could, following invitations by the Indian government, by universities and research institutes, or simply his own impulses.

Research on population was David Glass's life; but as a teacher he was equally distinguished. As early as 1933, Barbara (now Lady) Wootton wrote of his course to a group of workers in the framework of the W. E. A. that he showed skill "in getting on terms with his students, seeing their problems and point of view, and maintaining intellectual standards—all at once!" He will long be remembered by those who have worked with him on one of his numerous research projects, or who have sat in his classes, and notably students from Asia and Africa, many of whom are now in charge of the statistical services of their countries.

If David Glass's biography sounds like that of a public man, the impression is mis leading. He disliked the limelight and shirked honours although he was justly proud o being one of a handful of men who are both Fellows of th British Academy (1964) an Fellows of the Royal Societ (1971). These distinctions de cribe the range and depth o his work. When his boo *Population Policies and Mov ments in Europe* appeared i 1940, David Glass had estab lished himself as one of th foremost students of populatio in Britain and beyond. (It wa actually his third book, afte *The Struggle for Populatio* 1936, and the testimony to hi lifelong love for London, the i fluential little study *The Tow in a Changing World*, 1936.) H elders thought that Glass's wor was an authoritative accoun the state of the art before th war. As it happened, affected the subject for man years after the war, and stand out as a classic at a time which specialized work has r placed synthesis. Howeve Professor Glass always insiste that "population is not an ind pendent variable", an branched out into history an sociology.

Probably his most importa work is the pioneering study *Social Mobility in Britain* (1954 Along with a team of others, h made the first attempt to doc ment inter-generation mobilit processes; by himself, he pro duced an analysis of these pro cesses which is a model to th present day. He may not hav liked his findings, and notabl the discovery that there is mor mobility in Britain than th assumption of a rigid clas society permits, but he was to *much of a scholar* to ignore th facts. Several books on fe tility and population chang followed this work (such as *Th Trend and Pattern of Fertili in Great Britain*, 1954, *Differe tial Fertility, Ability and Educ tional Objectives*, 1962, or *Nu bering the People*, 1973); but i recent years David Glass wro above all a number of publishe and unpublished papers whic would add up to a remarkabl volume. Throughout they sho his penchant for the analysis facts, that rare virtue whic sometimes gets lost betwee blind empiricism or sweepin theorism.

Any sketch of David Glass work would be incomplete wit out reference to his amou propre, the history of his su ject. In a private letter h wrote: "Historical demograph has been a 'spare-time' occ pation for me. I suppose it my substitute for writing dete tive stories, for which I do n have the requisite skills". H bibliophilia is legendary. H published a number of pieces o historical demography, amon them intellectual gems whic show all the skills of the dete *tive story writer, and more; suc* as his Royal Society paper o 1963 on "John Graunt and hi Natural and Political Observa tions".

Some found David Glass hermetic person, introvert an ascetic. Others liked to se him thaw when he talked abou books, or about India. His pas sionate craving for justice, an his equally passionate desire t understand were two of the motives of his life and work. His *happiest time at the Londo* School of Economics was prob ably that of the association wit Sir Alexander Carr-Saunders He will be remembered at LS as one of the great men wh have given distinction to thi unique academic institution.

His almost 40-years associa tion with his wife, Ruth Glas herself a formidable scholar was the stable centre of his life Theirs was a rare intellectua and personal union. Their tw children are Helen Duane an Robert Glass.

DR MANNE SIEGBAHN

Dr Manne Siegbahn, the Swedish scientist who won the 1924 Nobel Prize for Physics for his work on X-ray spectroscopy, died in Stockholm yesterday at the age of 91. Karl Manne Georg Siegbahn was born on December 3, 1886, in Orebro, and studied astronomy, mathematics, physics and chemistry at the university of Lund where he subsequently became a lecturer. He was Professor of Physics at Lund from 1920 to 1923 and moved to the chair of physics at the University of Uppsala in 1924.

For some years he had been researching into X-ray spectroscopy and in 1916 he had discovered a new group of spectral lines, the M-series. Later he developed equipment and tech niques that allowed him t determine accurately the wav lengths of X-rays and his pr cision techniques great enlarged knowledge of th energy and radiation condition in the electron shells of th associated atoms. This wo earned him the 1924 Nob Prize for Physics.

When, in 1937, the Swedis Royal Academy of Scienc created the Nobel Institute Physics at Stockholm *appointed Siegbahn* directo and in the same year he becam Professor of Physics at the Un versity of Stockholm. He ha twice served as a member the International Committee o Weights and Measures.

CAPTAIN S. PAYNE BEST

Captain S. Payne Best who died on September 21, at the age of 93, was the central figure in a curious incident of the "phoney war" of 1939-40. He was then head of such British secret organizations as existed in north-west Europe, operating from The Hague, and—unknown to himself—under *close watch by his German* opponents.

On November 9, 1939, he was inveigled into a meeting at Venlo, on the Dutch-Germa frontier, on the expectation encountering a senior memb of an anti-Nazi *movement* Germany. There he and senior British companion wer kidnapped by a party SS desperadoes, who shot de the Dutch companion who w with the Englishmen. Payn Best maintained a stolid silenc for over five years of Gestap interrogation and imprisonme in concentration camps, a was made an OBE on releas

RUTH ETTING

Ruth Etting, the American actress and singer, died in Colorado Springs on September 24 at the age of 82. She was born in Nebraska and originally intended to be a fashion designer but the stage beckoned instead and she made her first appearance in the chorus of a revue in Chicago in 1925. Two years later she was starring in *The Ziegfeld Follies* in New York and other Broadway shows included *Whoopee, Simple Simon* and *The Ziegfeld Follies* of 1931. Her fame took her to Hollywood where she *made a number of films in the* early 1930s such as *Roman Scandals*—a lead part opposi Eddie Cantor—*Mr Broadwa* and *Hips, Hips Hooray*. In 19 she came to London to appe in *Transatlantic Rhythm* at th Adelphi Theatre. She returne to the Mid-West in 1938 ar virtually retired, apart fro brief radio appearances ju after the war.

The songs with which she w associated included "Love M or Leave Me," "Ten Cents Dance" and "Shine On Ha vest Moon." The first name was used as the title of a 19 film biography, with Doris Da playing Miss Etting and Jame Cagney as her manager an husband.

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THE TIMES
BUSINESS NEWS

Foord surveyors

Britain's inflation should stay at 8pc for six months, Mr Healey says

From David Blake
Washington, Sept 26

Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor, said today that inflation in Britain should remain little above 8 per cent for at least the next six months and that single-figure inflation throughout the whole of next year was clearly attainable.

But he said that observance of the Government's pay guidelines was indispensable if single-figure inflation next year was to be assured and he stressed the Government's determination to make the guidelines stick.

He confirmed that the Government would impose sanctions on Ford if it breaked the guidelines in negotiations with Fords but did not specify whether such sanctions would include a withholding of aid.

He said he hoped that Ford Motors would take up the company's offer to discuss a productivity agreement.

Mr Healey's reassertion of the Government's determination in the Ford case, which he later agreed was a test for the Government's policy, came during a press conference in which he painted a glowing picture of the economy's past success and future prospects.

The economy's performance was "to say the least satisfactory". The financial improvement of 1977 had been maintained and to it had been added significant improvement in output.

The current account had had a surplus of £250m in 1977 instead of the deficit expected at the time of the Budget that year.

There had been a very big increase in private investment in 1977 which was increasing in 1978. The real rate of return on capital was up to 4½ per cent and unemployment had fallen below the latest figures.

This suggested that the Government had been right to predict that the fall would continue.

A "central element" in all this, he said, was the third year of pay policy.

During the current round, the Government had announced that it expected the 5 per cent guidelines to result in about 7 per cent increase in total earnings.

Predictions that growth in the United Kingdom in the first half of next year would be running at an annual rate of only 1 per cent were a reflection of the erratic pattern of growth which was always experienced.

He pointed out that under the proposals put forward by the IMF it was suggested that Britain could grow at 3½ per cent a year in 1979-80 and emerge with a payments surplus of around $4,000m (about £2,040m), although he stressed that this was what could happen, not a forecast of what would happen.

The IMF suggestion relied on the pursuit of correct policies by all countries.

In his speech to the annual meeting of the IMF, Mr Healey stressed that the Government was "concerned to succeed in the discussions with our partners in the European Community to establish a monetary system in Europe".

However, he stressed a number of conditions which must be met both in his speech and in response to press questions.

Speaking about the broad issue of currency stability, he said that turbulence could not be corrected by intervention alone but must be removed by getting convergence of economic conditions.

Intervention could only remove erratic fluctuations.

If a worth while agreement could be reached on a European system this too could make a contribution to stability.

But for the specifically European proposals to work there would have to be a guarantee of durability.

It would be harmful for a currency to join the snake and then leave it, a risk which would occur if there were a system exactly like the snake.

He pointed to opposition by President Giscard d'Estaing of France to joining the snake as at present constituted.

There must also not be obstacles to growth in the scheme and it must allow for flexibility of exchange rates.

He also said that the new scheme must not hurt the IMF, adding that he thought that the agreement to increase the fund's quotas this week removed one possible cause of concern—that members of the monetary system might put all their funds into the European scheme and starve the IMF of resources.

However, in a discussion on the situation of the fund he said that it still remained short of resources and was vulnerable to substantial drawings by large members. It was important that the fund have enough money to provide adequate assistance.

He told the fund meeting that the main task for the next five to 10 years was to raise the level of growth to cut unemployment and to improve the workings of the international monetary system.

Higher growth was possible without refuelling inflation, he argued.



Chancellor silent on new measures

Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor, addressing the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund. Mr Healey has refused to be drawn on whether he is planning a new set of measures to stimulate the economy before his normal Budget next spring. He indicated that he will keep looking at whether anything is possible or necessary but said that he was not, at the moment, thinking of introducing any package.

Ford in US backs stand to resist union claims

By David Felton

The Ford Motor Company in America last night made clear that Sir Terence Beckett, chairman of Ford of Britain, has the full backing of the parent company in resisting the union's pay claim.

An executive at the company's headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan told *The Times* that although Mr Henry Ford II did not intend to make any statement at the moment on the United Kingdom operations shutdown, "Sir Terence Beckett's statements represent the company's position on every point."

It was also confirmed that Mr Ford will come to Britain some time next month on one of his three-monthly visits to look at the European operations.

In addition to the embarrassing possibility of arriving in Britain when no Ford vehicles are being made, it is expected that he will visit the site of the £180m new engine plant at Bridgend, South Wales, where construction work is three months behind schedule because of strikes.

Meanwhile, Ford dealers throughout the country are bracing themselves against the possibility of empty showrooms within a very short time.

Because of good sales earlier in the year—particularly in the "T" registration month of August—stocks are low and deliveries to dealers are expected to dry up in the next 10 days.

One south London dealer, Mr Nelson King, proprietor of London Motor Company, found nine cars trapped in the Ford compound at Dagenham when he went to collect them.

"This represents an investment of £40,000 which I have already paid to Ford. The strike is widely seen as a battle of the giants, Ford, the unions and government, but the man with most to lose is the dealer who does not have the resources of the three combatants," Mr King said.

Mr Harry Cressman, chief executive of BSG International, which controls Bristol Street Motors, the largest Ford dealer in the country, said: "We have had very short supply lines throughout this year and Ford dealers must run out of an already limited supply within a matter of days. It is going to be very difficult for the smaller dealer to keep going."

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Prices chief gives warning against passing on high wage settlements

By Our Commercial Editor

Clear warning to companies not merely to pass on costs of large pay deals in higher prices was given yesterday by Mr Charles Williams, chairman of the Price Commission.

He urged companies to absorb higher costs by increased efficiency. Only with that, and if pay settlements were at "a realistic and socially responsible level", could there be any progress towards bringing down the inflation rate to 5 per cent in 1979, he said.

That target may be difficult to achieve, he said, and added: "If things go badly double figure inflation could easily be with us again in 1979."

Weak world-wide demand for industrial raw materials, as well as the comparative strength of sterling, had partially offset the effects of earnings increases in the last year.

But the raw materials factor was likely to be less favourable over the next year which meant there should be concentration on the level of incomes increases and sterling's exchange rate, Mr Williams said.

"The commission will be scrutinizing very closely during the coming months price increases justified by reference to cost recovery.

"We are likely to be particularly concerned in cases where wage settlements have given rise to large increases in unit labour costs which are then used as the basis for price increases."



Mr Williams: Absorb higher costs by increased efficiency.

Mr Williams would not be drawn on what was felt to be a realistic level of pay settlements. It was not the commission's job to act as a pay board, nor to form any view on whether there should be pay guidelines or what currency exchange policy should be, he said.

Mr Williams was at pains to point out that the commission was acting on its own initiative but the warning issued should nevertheless buttress the Government's attempts to enforce the new phase of pay policy.

Even if companies did not put forward cost recovery as the basis for proposed price increases the commission would ask for progress reports on how far efficiency was being improved to absorb increased costs.

The commission would also look "particularly closely" at price notifications from market leaders in the many sectors where some major costs were fixed across the whole industry even though some degree of price competition existed between companies.

Price increases in these sectors usually moved to higher levels overall because all companies simply passed on such increases in common costs.

What does emerge from the commission's intention to concentrate on the role of higher labour costs is that if higher labour costs were absorbed in increased efficiency gains, or in any other way, and were not reflected in price increases the commission would not become involved.

The commission's quarterly report, which also looked at the first year of operation of the new Price Commission, shows that more than 100 price increases notified by large companies were withdrawn or modified after discussions with the commission.

Around £120m had been saved by price increases either withdrawn, reduced or postponed.

**Price Commission quarterly report May 1-July 31, 1978; to be published by HMSO.*

EMI brings in range of five new scanners

By Kenneth Owen
Technology Correspondent

EMI Medical yesterday announced the introduction of a family of five scanners into the severely competitive international market for computer-based, medical diagnostic X-ray scanning machines. The scanners, known as the 7000 series, are designed to meet the specific needs of five different types of user.

They are the result of a two-year development programme which cost the company more than £20m and at its peak cost more than £12m in a year. However, Sir John Read, EMI's chairman, said costs were now running at a lower level.

Sir John said that at June 30 there were about 1,700 computer-tomography (CT) X-ray scanners of the type pioneered by EMI installed throughout the world. EMI had supplied more than 900, or 52 per cent of them, both brain and whole-body versions. This represented "a most valuable asset on which to build the future".

Action to extend and protect the EMI patent bases for CT scanners was being firmly pursued. (On Monday EMI filed suit against General Electric of the United States for alleged patent infringement. Earlier the company had taken similar action against Ohio-Nuclear and against Pfizer.)

"Over the next few months", Sir John added, "more will be heard on this matter, which is naturally of great significance both to ourselves and to our investors."

The five new machines range in price from £136,600 to £574,000. They consist of two general purpose models and three specialized ones.

The general purpose ones are a neurological scanner (covering the head, neck and spine) suitable for accident centres, and a whole-body system designed for general hospitals with mixed workloads.

The special systems consist of a high-resolution machine designed for specialist neurological departments and clinics; a fast (three seconds) scanner combining low X-ray dosage with good image quality and an integrated radiotherapy planning system which is claimed to be the most advanced and versatile therapy planning system available.

Dr David Fairbairn, director of marketing, EMI Medical, said yesterday that to try to meet the widely differing needs of users with just a single machine had inevitably imposed operational and clinical limitations.

The new range represented the first real opportunity to avoid compromises which could affect clinical benefit.

Hattersley proposal on advertising attacked

Suggestions by Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, for controlling or limiting advertising on social and economic grounds are to be strongly contested by the Advertising Association, the umbrella body for the industry.

The association was reacting yesterday to Mr Hattersley's speech on the possibility of an advertising tax or limiting company advertising if there were critical reports from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission or the Price Commission.

He also suggested the Government might set up a commission to monitor advertising expenditure in light of social and economic consequences.

The association said yesterday that rather than having an obsession with marketing, as suggested by Mr Hattersley, British industry had still a long way to go before it had a full understanding of the vital necessity of effective marketing as a means of industrial regeneration.

Mr Hattersley had made no mention of the part which strong home marketing could play as a means to import substitution, to increased exports, or as a stimulus to product innovation for benefit of both industry and consumers, said the association.

At a meeting with the Price Commission in November the association is to explain the role in the economy of advertising by large companies, and the association intends pointing out the extent of competitive advertising in Britain by makers of foreign goods, particularly durables.

Mr Roger Underhill, director-general of the association, pointed out that recent advertising in the weekly colour magazines by Japanese, West German, and United States makers had outdistanced advertising by British companies producing similar goods.

Although the association is not in principle against Mr Hattersley's proposal for statutory backing for the code of conduct administered by the Advertising Standards Authority, it questioned whether that was necessarily the best means of achieving this end.

There were existing sanctions in the Trade Descriptions and Fair Trading Acts which could be brought to bear through the Office of Fair Trading, the association pointed out.

The association was critical of Mr Hattersley's suggestion that corrective advertising might be introduced in which an advertiser would be forced to pay for an advertisement setting right a deception.

This system in the United States and France had been found to be largely ineffective in practice from the consumer's point of view, the association said.

Derek Harris

EEC 'will not stand for steel cartel'

From Peter Norman
Brussels, Sept 26

Europe's steelmakers have been told that the European Commission will not stand for any cartelization of the EEC steel market that goes beyond the terms of Viscount Etienne Davignon's anti-crisis plan for the industry.

It is understood that officials from the Commission's competition department warned representatives of Eurofer, the European steel industry club, against market sharing on the basis of so-called interpenetration agreements, at a meeting in Brussels last night.

While it was denied today that the Commission has mounted a formal investigation of the steel market, the competition department is keeping a close watch on developments.

Although the Davignon plan sets minimum prices for certain types of steel and limits overall production, it is not designed to restrict trade in steel within the European Community.

The interest being shown by the competition department in the steel industry seems to have been aroused by press reports of alleged secret Eurofer agreements for regulating the level of steel trading.

White House pledge fails to lift bankers' gloom

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ises in August and July of 0.6 er cent and 0.5 per cent, followed average monthly gains in he first half of 1978 of 0.8 er cent.

The department said the *main cause of the slowing pace* f inflation was the stabilizing f food prices, which rose by nly 0.2 per cent in August, fter no gain at all in July and fter consistent monthly adances of 1.2 per cent or *more* the first half of the year.

Mr Blumenthal said that he president was determined hat the new measures on inlation would be coordinated ully with efforts being made y the Federal Reserve Board o restrict credit growth. He aid further rises in interest ates would endanger growth. To avoid this it was essential hat other anti-inflation steps hould be introduced.

Mr Blumenthal indicated hat following cuts in the budget deficit this year, the Administration's budget in January would call for a further cut in the deficit of around $10,000m. This would place the budget deficit then at around $30,000m.

But the statement by the Treasury Secretary and the President's announcement of an export promotion programme have not done much to encourage private bankers attending the IMF conference, who remain pessimistic about the dollar's prospects.

The bankers noted that the inflation figures showed some slowing of the alarming trend of earlier months, but still indicated a very grave problem.

In addition, while encouraged by the optimistic official forecasts of the balance of payments next year, they stressed that the 1979 deficit was still going to be very high. The United States continues to flood the world with dollars, said one banker.

Dollar rally against most currencies

By Caroline Atkinson

After an initial fall the dollar rallied yesterday and ended the day stronger against many of the major currencies, although not against the Swiss franc.

Dealers thought that the Fed and other central banks may have intervened to help the dollar after its sharp fall early in the day, as there was no obvious market reason for the recovery.

Once the dollar began to improve, profit taking by holders of the strong currencies helped to push the rate up still further. The forecast of a sharply reduced United States balance of payments deficit next year, published in *The Times* yesterday and later confirmed in the United States Treasury Secretary's speech to the International Monetary Fund, also helped the dollar.

After falling to 1.4575 Swiss francs to the dollar from its previous low closing level of 1.4910 on Monday, the dollar recovered yesterday to finish at 1.4845 Swiss francs. It picked up to a greater extent against the German mark, closing in London at DM1.948 to the dollar from DM1.942 on Monday.

The pound dropped by 40 points on the day to finish at $1.9715. This fall accounted for most of the 0.1 point drop in the pound's effective rate index, measured against a basket of currencies. Sterling finished the day at 62.7 per cent of its end 1971 value.

The European currency snake was again under pressure, with the German mark straining at the top of the joint float. There were market rumours that the Belgian authorities would follow the Dutch in raising interest rates to bolster their currency.

There was a reversal in the fortunes of the French franc yesterday. It picked up against most currencies, including the dollar, in contrast to its recent weakness. It finished the day at 4.371 to the dollar.

The Canadian dollar fell to a new low against the United States currency yesterday closing at 84.925 United States cents. It has lost 2½ United States cents of its value in the last month, despite government intervention to support the rate. Its fall against other currencies is larger, as the United States dollar has itself weakened in the last month.

New searches by BNOC

British National Oil Corporation is to explore two blocks in new areas in the south-west approaches to Britain.

The corporation was granted exploration licences for the blocks by Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of State for Energy, in April. They were the first sole licences to be awarded to the state-owned oil company.

They are 72/10, which is well to the south-west of Ireland and 86/18, immediately south of a block licensed to BP/Total in the west of the English Channel.

Number of job vacancies shows increase

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There was a drop of some 15,000—to 280,000—in the number of people assisted by Government schemes to create or preserve jobs. Not all of the 15,000, for whom assistance ended in the past five weeks, have necessarily been absorbed by the labour market, but it must be assumed that unemployment would have fallen more heavily in recent weeks if Government support for jobs had been maintained at the August level.

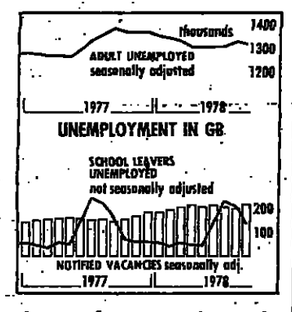
However, optimism is still dampened by the experience in July and August when the underlying jobless trend was reversed after nine months of steady decline. The reason for this remains obscure. There is some evidence that Government statisticians are simply having trouble making the right seasonal adjustment. This does not alter the fact that over the past twelve months adult unemployment has shown a drop of some 44,000.

The other barometer of labour demand—the number of vacancies notified to employment offices—showed a rise last month of 10,000, taking the total to 217,000 (after seasonal adjustment). This is the highest number of vacancies since November, 1974.

This is consistent with other developments within the economy. Consumer demand has been running much higher this year than in 1977, and output showed a marked increase during the second quarter of the year. Some economists have been arguing that the economy was actually expanding much faster than official figures seemed to be suggesting. As changes in employment usually lag some months behind developments in demand and output, it seems likely that unemployment will continue to decline for a time unless the gloomy forecasts about the economic prospects for 1979 deter employers from taking on more workers, leading them to pay more overtime instead.

All regions except the North of England and Northern Ireland shared in the unemployment drop last month.

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Tesco to launch own credit scheme soon

By Our Commercial Editor

Tesco, the retail chain which started the retail discount war after dropping green stamps, is expected to launch its own credit scheme shortly, possibly in time for the Christmas buying surge.

Mr Ralph Temple, Tesco's finance director, said yesterday that talks were being held with a number of finance houses. It depended on the basis of this financing of the scheme how far Tesco would go in offering credit.

The company already accepts Access and Barclaycard in its non-food sections, and offers credit financing on durables like refrigerators and washing machines.

It remains to be seen whether credit for grocery purchases and for wines and spirits might be limited to large purchases of possibly £20 to £30 in total.

Tesco has also still to decide whether to adopt the cheque system introduced by Marks & Spencer under which shoppers get credit as a multiple of a monthly subscription.

An alternative would be a credit card system which would also be based on rolling credit according to the size of a monthly subscription.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 223.57 +1.73
The FT index: 514.2 +4.8

Rises

Allied Brew	2p to 83p	Imp Chem Ind	3p to 394p
Beecham Grp	5p to 720p	HongK & Shang	8p to 310p
Courtaulds	3p to 118p	Nthgate Explor	10p to 360p
Dunlop Hldgs	1p to 76p	Plessey	3p to 117p
GEC	7p to 327p	Ransomes Sims	7p to 175p
Hawker Sidd	2p to 250p	Tricoville	7p to 90p
Home Charm	2p to 222p	Unilever	2p to 522p

Falls

Blyvoors	11p to 343p	Mears Bros	1p to 17p
Bilton Percy	5p to 188p	Mount Lyall	2p to 31p
Fed Lnd & Build	2p to 43p	Petaling Tin	5p to 250p
FPA Cons	1p to 18p	Ricardo Eng	6p to 305p
Jacksons B'End	3p to 66p	Sime Darby	9p to 106p
Kloof	16p to 591p	Sthn Malayan	5p to 305p
Lister & Co	2½p to 54½p	Tronoh Mines	10p to 225p

Sterling lost 40pts to $1.9715. The effective exchange rate index was at 62.7.

Gold lost $2.50 to $217.375.

SDR-$ was 1.28204 on Tuesday, while SDR-£ was 0.646352.

Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1,487.0 (previous 1,480.5).

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Equities rallied.

Gilt-edged securities weakened.

Dollar premium 90.25 per cent (effective rate 47.75 per cent).

THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.77	1.71
Austria Sch	29.25	27.25
Belgium Fr	65.75	62.25
Canada $	2.38	2.31
Denmark Kr	11.02	10.52
Finland Mkk	8.27	7.92
France Fr	8.92	8.52
Germany Dm	4.02	3.80
Greece Dr	73.25	69.25
Hongkong $	9.60	9.15
Italy Lr	1675.00	1590.00
Japan Yn	395.00	370.00
Netherlands Gld	4.35	4.12
Norway Kr	10.53	10.08
Portugal Esc	92.75	86.75
S Africa Rd	2.04	1.91
Spain Pes	149.00	142.00
Sweden Kr	9.03	8.63
Switzerland Fr	3.14	2.92
US $	2.02	1.96
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.75	38.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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INTERIM STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN, MR HOWARD HICKS

The unaudited profits for the half year ended 30 April, 1978, before charging corporation tax, amounted to £428,551. (1977: £191,455).

Following the disappointing results of 1977, I am pleased that I am able to confirm that the results for the full year will show the substantial recovery that I forecast in my last statement.

All activities in the Group are extremely busy, both at home and overseas. The results that can be anticipated for the following years should continue in an upward trend.

The Group's liquidity is very satisfactory.

An interim dividend of 11.96% (1977: 10.87%) has been declared in respect of the year ending 31 October 1978: this dividend will be paid to shareholders on 31 October 1978.

My wife and I continue to waive the dividends due to us.

	Half Year to 30 April 1978	Half Year to 30 April 1977
	£	£
Turnover	13,330,591	9,570,411
Profit before Tax	428,551	191,455
Taxation Provided	222,560	99,500
Profit after Tax	205,991	91,955
Interim Dividend Declared	11.96%	10.87%
Amount absorbed by this Dividend	41,208	37,050

Pifco Holdings Limited

	1978	1977
Turnover	£11,645,900	£10,442,000
Profit before Taxation	£1,414,700	£1,371,900
Earnings per share	14.300p	13.240p
Gross dividends per share	4.496p	4.089p

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Our order book for the Autumn is reasonably satisfactory but we view the future cautiously although once again there are some notable new product additions to our range.

PIFCO

Dallas court turns down injunction against NEB electronics offshoot

By Our Industrial Editor

The application by the Mostek Corporation for a temporary injunction restraining the National Enterprise Board's new micro-electronics subsidiary INMOS and former executives from making use of what it claimed were trade secrets has been rejected by a Dallas, Texas, court.

Judge Robert Porter, of the United States District Court in Dallas ruled, after hearing six days of testimony, that normal tests relating to the disclosure of information and the contracts of individuals who have joined INMOS from Mostek had not been met.

Mostek, he said in his judgment, had failed to show that its techniques or information have been or will be utilized, or disclosed.

The decision rested on the evidence before him, but it was conceivable that violations would in fact occur.

But he would not enjoin the defendants (the nucleus of executives hired by INMOS) from competing in the semiconductor industry on the basis of mere speculation or apprehension.

No evidence was introduced to prove that the combination of individuals who were joining the NEB concern would restrict or restrain trade.

INMOS had made no contracts other than leasing an office.

"It has not yet finally determined what products it will design and produce, and no design work has taken place", the Judge stated. "INMOS's first products are anticipated to be on the market no earlier than 18 months time."

Yesterday, the National Enterprise Board, which plans to invest £50m in INMOS's developments of electronic circuit memories, was delighted with the decision.

The immediate threat of protracted legal battles seems to have been lifted. None-the-less, the threat of future action still remains when INMOS unveils its products and begins marketing them.

In view of the Judge's remark about possible violations of design know-how in the future INMOS executives, who have been headhunted for the NEB concern, will clearly have to progress their plans with great care to ensure no breaches of Mostek's memory designs.

MP calls for merger of Savings Bank and National Giro

By Margaret Stone

On the eve of next week's Labour Party conference in Blackpool Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, MP for Teesside Thornby and a member of the Manifesto Group, has called for the formation of a new state bank to be created through the merger of the National Savings Bank and National Girobank.

A Treasury committee has been examining this possibility for two years since the Prime Minister first announced the proposition as an alternative to the cries for bank and insurance company nationalization then favoured by the Labour Party's left.

Since then the party's working party on banking and insurance has published its interim report which indicates that although the substance of their argument in favour of nationalization remains unchanged, the strong opposition from the employees of bank and insurance companies is also acknowledged.

At present there are no specific proposals to debate the interim report, but it could be discussed at next week's conference. In this case, Mr Wrigglesworth's own suggestion could come into its own as an alternative proposal.

Mr Wrigglesworth, who worked at one time for the Midland Bank, was more recently employed by National Giro.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Way to work for all who want it

From Mr B. A. Cole

Sir, There is general concern that technological progress (currently exemplified by the micro-processing industry) will reduce employment opportunities in future. Surely the same fears were expressed in the past, during the Industrial Revolution and at various times since then when technology made a major advance. So far the fears have not been justified; the present high levels of unemployment have not been with us for long and can probably be explained by the economic upheaval which followed the oil crisis at the end of 1973.

Your report, Business News, September 20, that redundant steel men in Wales are now working as craftsmen in a fur fashion factory is an excellent example of what can be done. If we are able to organize society so that demand can attract entrepreneurs to set up or expand operations (whether manufacturing or service), there is no reason to think we cannot provide work for all who want it.

In the case of the fur factory, it was built under an EEC job development scheme. While it is good to recognize the help we are getting in this way from the EEC, we should be doing far more for ourselves. This does not generally mean that the Government should be investing or backing private ventures which cannot get venture finance, usually because they do not offer sufficient probability of success.

The only way to release the creative risk-taking energies of our nation is to make rewards of success wo having. There will always b statistically high risk of faili and we have to make this worth taking. Reduce the incentives of excessive contr and increase the after rewards of the entrepren who succeeds, and we may surprised how much e employment is generated.

Individual and certainly government can forecast wi particular ventures will succe Only a much freer market t we have can produce the var of new ideas from which s will prove winners.

Yours faithfully,
B. A. COLE,
Drake Wood,
Devonshire Avenue,
Amersham,
Buckinghamshire.

Opencast: farming aspect

From Mr Nigel Lowden Swinburne

Sir, To put the record straight it is necessary to reply to the moderate letter of the Chairman of the Opencast Executive published on September 12 with its deceptive objective appeal.

Over the last seven years, I have found myself dragged into this specialized subject and in representing all manner of objectors at four major Public Enquiries I have first hand knowledge and experience of the Opencast Executive's approach to Public Enquiries, at least in so far as the North East of England is concerned.

It is sad but fair to comment that the Executive each time bring less factual evidence before an Enquiry and leave substantial factual evidence called by the objectors unchallenged. It seems that apart from frequently repeated bland generalizations which do not stand examination they are relying now mainly on their claim to be carrying our direct Government Policy summed up recently by NCB Counsel as doing their duty like good soldiers carrying out the orders of their Commander in Chief, the Secretary of State for Energy.

Since the said Secretary of State at the end of the day decides on the findings of the Inspector at the Enquiry this approach makes him appear to be applicant, judge and jury in his own cause. Obviously, th s is not correct but it is sad to reflect that the Executive through their Counsel seem to think it is so, particularly since this approach excuses their failure to produce factual evidence—if it is available—to rebut the substantial factual evidence now assembled against all aspects of Opencast mining.

Mr Davies's claim "that restoration invariably leaves the land in a better state" cannot be justified by the evidence. The NCB are to be congratulated on their reclamation work done on derelict land which is however sterile to start with. Restoration of agricultural land which has been disturbed and largely made sterile by Opencast is a quite different matter.

Unchallenged factual evidence has been called at recent Enquiries to show agricultural land simply cannot be restored. This evidence has been given by experts in soil science which has corroborated the practical experience of the farmers.

No substantial progress in restoration has been made since the lesson of separating top soil from sub soil was learnt in the early 1950s. Drainage may be installed where the land has had to rely on natural drainage, but the drains are soon damaged by subsidence and soil movement resulting from the irreparable damage to hydro levels and compacted strata which prevent the long-term growth of trees and substantial hedgerows in many areas. One soil expert when asked when grade 3 agricultural land could be restored to its present potential stated "not in my children's children's lifetime".

The sad truth is that, despite the Executive's best efforts and intentions, present expertise is incapable of restoring farm land without such a massive expenditure that the apparent profitability of Opencast work would be lost and the justification for it at all as well.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL L. SWINBURNE,
White Wings,
Dipton, County Durham.

Strato-ozor

From Mr G. H. Sloane-Stan

Sir, As a chemist of sorts, I amazed to see from *The Ti* (September 21) that it is ously proposed that our aer industry should spend £10n changing its propellents, order to avoid depleting stratosphere's ozone.

We and the rest of the veloped world are already ing tons of ozone a year ground level, for the pur of water purification and ch cal industry, starting from gen or ordinary air.

Although it cannot easily taken aloft, there seems to no reason why ozone canno made in the stratosphere ozone generators fitted to flying aircraft; these mach could make it either from gen carried in the same craft (no research needed from the cabin air (some search and appreciable p needed), or from the amb low pressure air (appro research needed).

Either way, its takes u 20 units of electricity to r a kilogram of ozone.

G. H. SLOANE-STANLEY,
68 Gerard Road, Barnes,

Mr Nott's solution

From Mr D. A. Pacey

Sir, In your issue of Septe 19, Mr John Nott poses a ber of questions in relatic EEC discussions on a Euro currency zone. May I pc further question? Could that the EEC debates have interests of the common more in mind than Mr in seeking to prevent money manipulation foreign exchange specul which has done so damage to this country in past, and which Mr Nott's tion would certainly petuate?

D. A. PACEY,
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Plan to revitalize industrial land

Birmingham studies inner city science park project

Birmingham is trying a new approach to lessen its traditional dependence o nthe metalworking industry and at the same time to utilize some of its derelict inner city industrial land.

Birmingham District Council, the West Midlands County Council and the University of Birmingham have commissioned a study of establishing an industrial science park similar to those which have proved so successful in the United States.

Existing science parks generally use up to 100 acres of prime "greenfield" land. Birmingham is thinking of a much smaller area within the city.

An industrial science park pulls together on one site a number of high technology science-based activities, linked to one or more institutions of advanced education. The park's main function is to convert academic ideas into practical production and marketing.

Birmingham has already allocated £10m a year for the next 10 years to provide measures for the regeneration of the inner city's depressed economy. Work of this type qualifies for a 75 per cent aid grant from the Department of the Environment.

In a statement yesterday the three partners said: "In the past, scientific innovation and technical inventiveness have been important factors in stimulating industrial growth and prosperity in Birmingham.

"Establishment of an industrial science park in the city could thus form a vital part of the efforts of public and private authorities alike to revitalize and restructure the economy of Birmingham."

The initial study by Coopers and Lybrand, consultants, began last month and is expected to take six months. Depending on its findings, a second study may be commissioned to investigate management and financial arrangements, location and physical design leading to actual proposals.

Clifford Webb

New razor launched by Gillette

By Michael Baily

A scrap-and-build scheme to help alleviate world shipping and shipbuilding problems came a step nearer yesterday.

Some 60 representatives from international shipping, shipbuilding, the oil industry and banking, meeting in London, agreed on further studies of a draft scheme prepared by the International Maritime Industries Forum, to be followed by a further meeting in November.

Strong reservations were expressed by shipping interests, notably the Norwegians, who fear that the scheme, offering favourable credit terms to owners building one new ship for two scrapped, might encourage unnecessary building of new ships and thus help to export the shipbuilding crisis into shipping.

But it was generally recognized that governments in shipbuilding countries with big unemployment problems were going to support some construction anyway, and a scrap-and-build scheme would probably be the most rational way of doing it.

A redrafting of the scheme between now and November will seek to meet objections, probably through tougher scrutiny measures by banks to ensure that the scheme would be confined to ships likely to find employment, and not swell the idle surplus, now standing at 56 million tons, or 9 per cent of the world fleet.

The cost of the scheme world wide is estimated at around £120m a year, much of which would replace existing national incentives to yards.

Fresh step towards ships scrap-and-build scheme

SU cash deal rejected

There was no end in sight to the seven-week-old strike by 33 rebel BL toolmakers yesterday after their leaders finally turned down a cash offer from a group of businessmen.

At a meeting in a St Alban's hotel, Mr George Regan, leader of the strikers at Leyland's SU carburetter plant in Birmingham, told a consortium of BL car dealers that their gesture was "no solution to the problem".

The consortium had offered the money in a bid to end the dispute over a £7-a-week claim.

Mr Regan said: "We could have been selfish and accepted the money and said, to hell with everyone else, but that is not the attitude to take . . . we don't want to be treated as something special apart from everyone else."

Government 'ignoring' PLA problems

By Michael Baily
Transport Correspondent

The Government is taking too narrow a view of the problems of the Port of London, seven dockland MPs said in a letter to Mr William Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, yesterday.

By leaving the future of the port to PLA management and unions the Government was ignoring wider implications on south-east regional planning, inner city renewal in East London, and subsidized competition from continental ports, the MPs claimed.

Mr Nigel Spearing, whose Newham constituency includes the Royal Docks the PLA wants to close, said last night: "It is no secret that talks between PLA management and unions are not going too well. By confining the action to these talks and to questions of severance the Government is taking far too narrow a view of what is a very serious problem not just for the PLA but for London as a whole and indeed the maritime policy of the nation."

The Government's July decision on the docks appeared to offer £35m solely for severance and none for capital investment in the upper docks, Mr Spearing said. It ignored the wider problem raised by the MPs at the time.

The MPs are demanding again that while PLA-union talks continue the Government carries out its own investigation into the wider issues. These are: integration of policy for the port into that for the area and region; past cost and charges policy of the PLA; the recommendation of the "Cousins Committee" on port development; and continental competition.

"Unless the points we have raised can be dealt with in a satisfactory manner we cannot believe the Government is fulfilling its proper function, as regards port operations in London, with consequent damage to both the port and London as a whole", Mr Spearing said.

The other signatories are Mr Ian Mikardo (Bethnal Green and Bow), Mr John Parker (Dagenham), Mr Bob Mellish (Bermondsey), Miss Jo Richardson (Barking), Mr John Oveden (Gravesend), and Miss Oonagh McDonald (Thurrock).

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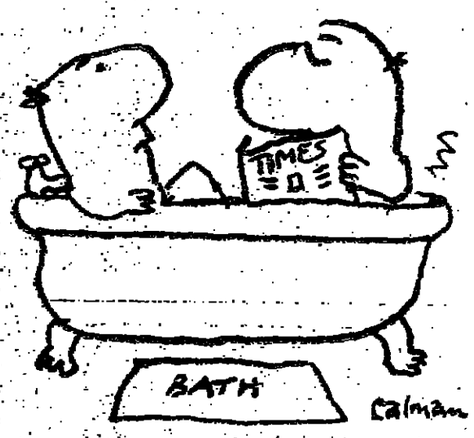
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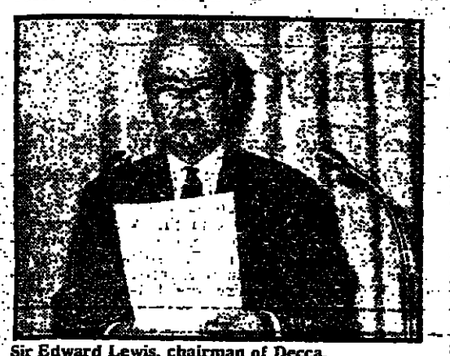
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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Electronics in a time of change

Recent figures from a clutch of consumer-oriented groups including Hoover, BSR and Decca underline that the only sector of the electronics industry to be in for the foreseeable future is the high technology end which the likes of GEC and ICL have been exploiting to the full in recent years.

As it is, Decca's annual report yesterday will remind shareholders that the group's well-known difficulties on the consumer side have been compounded by management weakness in the survey division. Little if any increase over last year's profits can be expected in the current year. The balance sheet is as strong as ever but the trouble is that the consumer problems are camouflaging what is a highly successful defence and radar division. But until there are further moves for a basic restructuring of the United Kingdom electronics industry the good parts will continue to be held back by the laggards and soak up valuable cash flow which should be going into much needed research and development.



Sir Edward Lewis, chairman of Decca.

Meanwhile, EMI was waving the flag as well yesterday in an effort to convince the sceptics that its new range of scanners would reestablish it as the market leaders in this field of the £750m medical electronic market. Briefly what EMI are trying to achieve is to tailor the new range of scanners to individual needs and at the same time by combining several different functions in one machine is claiming significant cost savings. Sir John Read, EMI's chairman, made no bones about the stiff competition in the market but what good news there is comes in the fact that the United States regulatory authorities now seem to be taking a more accommodating line on scanners. Research and development will now tail off after the £12m or so spent in the year just ended as well as the prospect of healthy patent fees in the not too distant future.

There were further warnings about the "heavy financial strains" the scanner had put on EMI's profits to be published next week which suggests profits as low as £28-30m pre-tax. Next year may see a recovery to £45m or £50m but it is for sure that the scanner will not be producing the £15m or so it did at its peak.

Housebuilding

Barratt's way

Sure enough all the elements of the housebuilding equation have moved in favour of Barratt Developments. Labour and material costs both rose by about 10 per cent but house prices rose by 18½ per cent to an average in Barratt's case of £11,800. It managed to sell 9,000 houses, a 10 per cent improvement, and is projecting a similar increase this year along with similar price and cost increases. So profits rose 31 per cent to £11.2m and £15m looks attainable this year.

Barratt's formula has been to concentrate on the first time buyer as the most stable end of the market. Here pent-up demand and an improvement in consumer confidence have meant that lack of adequate mortgage finance has failed to have a serious effect on the underlying buoyancy of the market. Trading up to higher price housing might have yielded short-term gains in this climate, but the steady stream of first-time buyers is seen as the closest thing to a certainty in the housing market.

Yet the prospect of a change in Barratt's fundamentally cautious rating seems as remote as ever. The problem is the financing of a company almost entirely dependent on a cyclical market which tends to yield a relatively low cash flow. Barratt at the midpoint of the present upswing looks strong enough: gearing at 35 per cent compares with 57 per cent a year ago and its land bank of 28,500 plots still provides three years' capacity.

From now on gearing will tend to creep up because of the rate of expansion and because many of the items that have enhanced the balance sheet are once-only items. This raises the spectre of another rights issue to keep the land buying momentum going and meanwhile Barratt, as ever, remains exposed if the housing market goes wrong. So the shares, yielding 10 per cent at 124p with a fully-taxed p/e ratio of 7.5, should be considered still as a short-term income investment.

● *The redepositing by the banks of more than £400m as Special Deposits with the Bank of England went off without any noticeable problems for the money markets yesterday. True, interest rates, particularly period rates, were looking rather firmer during the day, but that probably had more to do with the general mood of uncertainty in the market than the specific technical situation.*

In addition, markets are continuing to keep a wary eye on American interest rates. It might, of course, be argued that gently rising American interest rates are doing nothing for the dollar and that sterling has been looking reasonably stable in spite of UK interest rates that are now only barely higher than Eurodollar rates. But that will not stop markets worrying that there is probably a level of American interest rates (probably in conjunction with other measures) that will conclusively check American monetary growth and start to restore international confidence. There are signs, moreover, that the American authorities now accept that that level may have to be significantly higher than they had originally perceived.

By contrast, there are tentative hopes that developments on this side of the Atlantic could prove very bullish for U.K. interest rates. True, it remains to be seen if we are to be part of the European Monetary Scheme at all and, if we are, on what terms and on what initial parity. But the hope if we do join is quite simply that there will be a rush of continental funds into sterling to take advantage of our relatively high interest rates vis-a-vis other European interest rates. Whether continental investors would in fact have sufficient faith that our a few months might, perhaps, be open to participation in the EMS would last beyond question.

Nickel

As the losses mount up . . .

Société Metallurgique le Nickel's first half loss of Francs 229m, against a F14.2m profit for the same period last year, faithfully reflects the terrible state of the nickel business. Though a prolonged strike at le Nickel's New Caledonia mine did not help, and the company also suffered from the dollar's depreciation.

The essential problem is an enormous oversupply situation in the nickel market. The industry's giant, Inco, reported first half earnings of $57.9m against $73.6m for the first six months of 1977, and Falconbridge lost money, leading to speculation that it might be forced to take shelter beneath the spreading umbrella of Amax or a similar protector.

World nickel stocks reportedly stand at between seven and eight months' supply, equal to 600-700 million pounds, although the actual oversupply position is not quite as bad as that, because companies normally expect to hold three months' supply. But despite the strike at le Nickel and a reduction in Inco's stocks during the first half of 10 million pounds, the total overhang is not likely to be much less at the end of this year than at the end of 1977.

The question is how long can the producers hang on without a major restructuring of the industry? Mergers or the acquisition by outside interests of stakes in nickel producers cannot be ruled out. The industry's instinctive reaction of clubbing together to restrict output is no solution in the face of stiff, if secretive, price competition and the need to invest for the future.

As Ford's UK operations come to a halt Business News examines the economic and industrial implications

A test case for pay policy

Ford's workers have presented the biggest challenge on pay that the Government has had to face in more than three years of incomes policy. As they downed tools, they appeared to confirm the worst fears of those who believe that the United Kingdom is condemned to high price inflation because of stubbornly high wage rises.

The Ford settlement is seen by the Government as a test case for the pay policy—the cornerstone of its economic strategy—and as a key determinant of wage rises throughout the private sector.

The Cabinet is thus certain to decide to stand firm against a settlement that breaks the policy when it meets tomorrow morning.

Two different sorts of questions are raised by the Ford dispute. First, does it imply that any anti-inflation policy based on a set of rigid pay guidelines is doomed to failure? Opponents of incomes policy argue that it is damaging, and in the end self-defeating, to the economy to attempt to force a uniform wage rise for all groups of workers whether in profitable or unprofitable enterprises.

A pay guideline is an invitation to strong groups of workers in successful companies to burst through, and the acceptance of a norm for wage increases then encourages others in less successful firms to insist on similar rises.

It is now too late for the Government to back-track on the rigid formulation of phase four. It clearly hoped that by allowing self-financing productivity deals within the policy it had provided a loophole through which companies like Ford could give bigger wage rises than the 5 per cent without paving the way for a general breakdown of the policy.

The official hope is still for a settlement at Ford which can be disguised as being within the guideline, with a substantial productivity deal to buy off the workers. However, even if this does not happen and there is a basic settlement in breach of the guideline the Government will stand by phase four and attempt to ensure that the breach is isolated.

For the Cabinet and the majority of its economic advisers believe that without a formal pay policy, including a recommended figure for pay awards, wage rises would be larger and inflation faster than with such a policy. They would argue that the nature of pay bargaining in this country means that wage settlements are anyway grouped around a "going" rate with little variation according to the finances and commercial success of individual companies.

The important question is whether the Government can by itself lower the "going" rate and thus reduce inflation by announcing a guideline figure. The union reaction to the Government's 5 per cent suggests that this is extremely hard if not impossible.

The second set of questions that arise in the wake of Ford concern the outlook for wages and inflation in the present pay round. The Government's official intention of halving the rate of earnings increase from the 14½ per cent phase three outcome to about 7 per cent was always highly optimistic.

Apart from the difficulty of getting average wage settlements of 5 per cent there is the near impossibility of holding the drift from both productivity deals and increased overtime, job changes and the rest to 2 per cent or thereabouts. The economy is now expanding rapidly, unemployment has resumed its fall, there is evidence of skilled labour shortages and neither workers nor managements are in the mood to accept austerity pay rises.

There is little reason to suppose that either the estimated 2 per cent addition to earnings from productivity deals last year, or the 2 per cent from unidentified wages drift will be halved in the present round. On top of this the 16 per cent rise in the money supply in the last financial year was quite out of line with the Government's inflation target.

Most private forecasters expect an earnings outcome for phase four of nearer 12 than 7 per cent.

Although Mr Healey has reaffirmed his commitment to a 7 per cent figure, it is thought that privately the Government would not be surprised, nor too worried, by an extra 3 per cent or so on this. A rise of about 10 per cent in average earnings this year would still leave the Government with a good chance of keeping inflation within single figures.

The danger after Ford is not so much of a wages explosion but of a gradual upward drift in the level of settlements to a point where they may lead to rising inflation. The climate for pay bargaining in the next round, 1979-80, would indeed be poor if price rises were accelerating; and the hope of a further reduction in wage and price inflation towards the level of our competitors would be remote.

The odds are already high that sterling will fall at some point over the next year to compensate for the higher inflation already experienced in Britain. A larger depreciation will be needed if the impact of a faster earnings rise on competitiveness is to be offset.

The foreign exchange markets are likely to impose such a fall in the face of excess wage rises even if the Government would prefer a stable pound. A drop in the pound will then itself lead to faster inflation, even if it does not feed through fully to domestic wages and prices.

Britain is thus now poised to register the vicious circle of high wage rises leading to faster inflation, currency depreciation and then further inflationary wage settlements. It will be a major blow to the country, as well as to the Government, if an early breakdown of pay policy leads swiftly back to the bad old days.

Caroline Atkinson

Labour force rejects belt-tightening

Paul Routledge

"I don't work for the Labour Government — I work for Ford's", said one of the car workers picketing last week's crucial meeting of union negotiators. As an afterthought, he added: "And I don't have 115 acres outside Brighton, either."

An extreme reaction, perhaps, but his bitter reference to the Prime Minister's farm and his easy resolution of conflicting loyalties felt by Ford union leaders over the present pay dispute say much about the revolt of the rank-and-file.

Ford may resent their industrial relations becoming, once again, a political shuttlecock, but that is an inevitable fall-out of a fourth year of wage restraint imposed on a labour force patently unconvinced of the need for further belt-tightening.

The speed and violence of the shopfloor reaction to Ford's pay offer has surprised many people. There appears to be no correlation between high labour turnover and readiness to strike. Southampton commercial vehicles plant, usually thought of as a model of industrial relations, came out on the day of the offer, while Dagenham, notoriously militant in the past, bided its time for three days longer.

The company suspects, however, that some plants had been "primed" for action on the Wednesday night last week.

Ford is dismayed at the eagerness with which the unions are pledging official support for the unofficial walkouts, while their "no strike" agreement, signed last autumn as part of the last guideline breaking settlement, has nearly a month to run. But, under the leadership of Moss Evans, the dominant Transport and General Workers Union is interpreting TUC free collective bargaining policy quite literally. This union, representing 38,000 of the 57,000 production workers, is expected shortly to follow yesterday's decision by the engineering workers to pay dispute benefit.

Money is a powerful restraining factor in any big industrial dispute. With a weekly expenditure of nearly £250,000 on strike pay, even a wealthy union like the Transport Workers cannot finance a strike for very long and that calculation presumably also lies behind the engineering workers' qualification of their decision to back the strike with an insistence that wage talks with the company must continue.

At the same time the company, by its own admission, is losing daily output of cars and commercial vehicles with a showroom value of £10m and, sanctions notwithstanding, the law of diminishing returns comes into operation eventually. At some point it becomes cheaper to risk the Government's wrath and settle outside the guidelines. The company has done it before and on each occasion pay policy was set at nought.

What makes things different this time? It is the political overtones, divined by Sir Terry Beckett, Ford's chairman. Having staked its credibility on the 5 per cent wage limit this winter so publicly, the Government will now find it difficult to climb down.

If Ford feel obliged to go outside the guidelines in order to restart negotiations, the Cabinet will feel equally obliged to impose sanctions that could cost £100m a year in lost public orders.

What more they could do is not certain. The grant to build a new engine plant at Bridgend, South Wales, would almost certainly not be affected because the money has either already been spent or allocated. And, in any case, the company may gamble on a Tory administration pledged to scrap sanctions taking office before punitive measures could affect company profits.

Potentially the most damaging consequence of a direct breach of the pay code is the impact it would have on productivity bargaining, now recognized as a useful tool of good management as well as an escape route from otherwise inflexible negotiating guidelines. Ford have offered to talk productivity—and some sources suggest another 10 per cent could be found under that heading—if the unions will cut absenteeism and over-manning.

But the TGWU line, adopted by the other unions, is that negotiations cannot restart until Ford agrees to discussions in a "free collective bargaining environment". In other words, they want straight money on the rates rather than in exchange for concessions.

Should that attitude reach across into the rest of manufacturing industry and the nationalized sector, such as coal mining, it will be the biggest fillip to wage inflation since the original social contract of 1974-75.

The vehemence and suddenness of the reaction last week by Ford workers, clearly not well orchestrated at that stage, must have sapped Cabinet confidence in the widespread acceptability of the incomes policy that ministers have been preaching. It could even bring the TUC and the Government back to the bargaining table together for a re-think on the counter-inflation strategy.

After all, it can scarcely be in the politicians' interest to go into the next election saddled with the tag that Labour is now the natural party of confrontation.

Who will follow if Ford leads?

The Ford workers' unequivocal reaction to a pay offer strictly conforming to the government guidelines has cast the first real doubts on the practicability of the 5 per cent policy. It has also raised the question of how far successful and very profitable companies—often multinationals or with strong positions in the home market—will go in supporting pay controls which rely heavily on their backing.

Last year's Ford settlement was privately welcomed by the Government, though it was spotlighted at the time as a "breach" of the 10 per cent limit. Worth between 10.5 and 14.1 per cent, the settlement in fact reinforced the pay limit by defining the margins of flexibility which could be used.

This time that flexibility—to deal with differentials, anomalies and the like—is much reduced. Ford's unsought for role as a trail-blazer which could destroy the policy is consequently enhanced.

The issue for many large private sector employers is how to weigh the likelihood of sanctions against the damage done to pay structures, productivity or industrial relations by a strict application of the Government's rules.

Some indication of which companies might follow if Ford does eventually agree a settlement outside the guidelines can be obtained from the pattern of bargaining this time last year. Two significant companies with unassailable positions in the home market—Metal Box and British Oxygen—both negotiated settlements well above the Ford level. In BOC's case a pay deal which the Department of Employment might well have frowned upon elsewhere received official blessing at least partly because a four-week strike was threatening massive lay-offs.

The pay negotiations at Vauxhall Motors, which follow closely behind Ford's, were concluded at a roughly similar level, with the added bonus of a guaranteed productivity payment. But this pattern did not repeat itself elsewhere in the car industry.

The impact of an exceptional Ford settlement now, however, is most likely to be on highly capitalized profitable sectors, such as chemicals, petroleum and oil-related industry, electronics and specialized engineering.

Chemical companies such as ICI and Albright and Wilson are in positions where freer bargaining would produce considerable benefits. ICI's much-publicized problems over recruiting skilled workers will probably only be solved if fairly large rises are available for production staff as well.

Both ICI and other companies in the industry are also finding much reluctance in manual and white-collar employees alike to agree to changes and flexibility of working with the prospect of very limited pay rises to come.

Similar influences are at work in both the oil and oil-related industries. The major companies already face a large claim from one key group—the tanker drivers—which has an agreement for higher overtime premiums awaiting implementation from the 10 per cent pay round. The engineering and fabrication firms involved in the industry are confronted in a very acute way with the more general problem of skilled labour shortages.

Last year a stoppage by a fairly small group of electricians working in four contracting firms on Teesside won large pay concessions which were later matched elsewhere in industry. The fabrication companies would almost certainly welcome a negotiating climate where special rises—if agreed—do not have to be paid in a hole-and-corner way.

It could be argued, however, that these are industrial sectors which have been, and will be, negotiating outside the strict terms of government policy anyway. A public and significant breach of policy at Ford might only serve to make this process a little easier.

The same cannot be said of the country's largest engineering companies, which now face a particularly troublesome pay anomaly caused by the impact of nationally agreed minimum rates on overtime and shift pay and hence on the amount now available for payment under local plant agreements.

The irony here is that it is the more successful companies who stand to be hit most if a strict 5 per cent limit is applied. This is because the national agreement has its greatest impact on earnings where there is extensive night shiftworking.

Companies such as GKN, Lucas Industries and GEC are likely to be greatly affected. And there are several prominent companies with imminent negotiating dates and good profit records—Tube Investments, Thorn and Burroughs Machines, for example—which might welcome a relaxation in policy, if not its complete overthrow.

This is not to suggest that a great flood of 15 or 20 per cent increases would follow a big Ford settlement. The impact of such a deal might well be confined to very large companies which are suppliers to the Government, where selective sanctions could prove as costly to the Government — through the interruption of its supplies—as to the firm concerned, or to those with few state contracts. Still less is the present climate one of an "employer revolt".

But what the Ford confrontation is certain to demonstrate is that the Government's big stick has to be used with very great care when it comes to dealing with a large multinational and Britain's two largest unions.

David Shonfield

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Business Diary: Point of no return?

Remember all that hoo-ha in the early 1970s about those empty floors in the London office block, Centre Point?

Harry Hyams, the block's developer, no longer controls the Centre Point company, Oldham Estates, but four years after he sold out to H. A. Toogood's caring, sharing Co-operative Insurance Society the block remains largely empty.

The flats were let some time ago and occupants had been found for all but two of the block's shop units but, with the exception of one floor which was taken by a Greek shipping company, the remaining 28 floors of office space continue obstinately unfilled.

After heavy advertising and a £1m facelift designed to make the block lettable floor-by-floor —the original target was a single commercial tenancy—it is a curious fact that although the site is apparently forever subject to letting inquiries these valuable square feet in London's heartland are still gathering dust.

The Co-op insurance offshoot acquired Centre Point when Hyams, who used to have agms at 4 pm on New Year's Eve, relinquished control of Oldham Estates over four years ago and, after all this time, it seems useful to ask whether those doughty managers of the Co-op's wholesale and retail chains should be concerned that the building still stands as a seemingly perpetual monument to the great property boom and crash.

The answer is apparently "No". "We stay on the sidelines", a Co-op spokesman said yesterday. "We don't interfere."

"Centre Point may have an unfortunate shape and place, but we have a quiet underlying confidence that once a tenant dips a toe in the water, others will follow."

The Co-operative Insurance Society, he added, "is very satisfied with the way things are being run."

■ In John Morgan the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, Roy Hattersley, seems to have made an odd choice to succeed the late Lord Peddie as chairman of the oPst Office Users' National Council.

POUNG is an independent statutory body whose job is to badger the Post Office on behalf of the public. Yet Morgan will do this part-time £2,000-a-year job when he is not busy being general manager of the British Rail Pension Funds.

He is therefore an executive of a nationalized industry which, like the Post Office, is not universally loved. Moreover, British Rail and the Post Office have a close business relationship.

On the other hand, it may be that, as a nationalized industry man, Morgan may be able to succeed where Lord Peddie failed in blasting the promised code of conduct out of the Post Office.

It will be interesting to see how Morgan performs. It is five months since Lord Peddie died, and the interval in finding a successor seems to indicate that Morgan stepped in where others declined to tread.



An anxious moment at Claridge's in London yesterday when the cork of a magnum of 1947 Veuve Clicquot champers refused to budge. At stake was champagne worth about £50—if you could buy it, which you can't.

"The bottle came from the firm's private stock and was one presented at a tasting yesterday of vintages from 1928 to 1973.

I arrived early (wouldn't you?) and caught in this precarious act Graham McKenzie (left) and Dennis Geal of Clicquot's United Kingdom agents H. Parrot. The cork remained unmoved by the time I left and, for all I know, McKenzie and Geal are still at it.

■ Harold Pearce is the kind of engineer whose qualifications take up two sides of the standard British business card. But that, it seems, provides no immunity from the standard British habit of turning down the inventions of its own inventors.

Pearce, who has spent a lifetime in energy engineering, developed a revolutionary form of fluidized combustion technique for burning waste and low grade fuels. He sank his time and money into it and acquired patents, but no one in this country would take it up.

However, Pearce has friends in curious places and, thanks to Sir Wallace Rae, the Agent General in the United Kingdom for Queensland, to Patrick Gay, an Australian entrepreneur, to Brisbane abbatoir and to a British publicist, this story may yet have a happy ending.

Sir Wallace put Pearce in touch with Gay, who believed in the process sufficiently to take out a licence to use it in Australia and South-east Asia.

Gay built a pilot plant to burn waste from the Brisbane abbatoir as a source of energy.

At the same time, in the United Kingdom, Pearce asked his friend Stanley Gale, a publicist, how he could raise money for his idea. Gale put up some money himself and invited friends (including, in a private capacity, Don Stringer and Roy Williams of Property Growth Assurance) to join him. Between them they have so far put in £135,000 without return. Gale has become chairman of a company called Flameless Furnaces, which has Pearce on exclusive contract, and negotiations for possible partners to build more plants are at an advanced stage with leading British engineering companies.

■ The Commission for Racial Equality is setting the pace in productivity. It has announced three more formal investigations into the employment of racial minorities by British companies.

That brings to 18 the total planned so far and to 15 the ones on which it has actually started. To attract the attention of the commission there is no need to contravene the Race Relations Act or for the commission to have received a complaint.

In the case of Chubb & Son Limited, for example, one of the companies now to be investigated, the commission merely says: "In drawing up their original programme on formal investigations the CRE decided that it would pay particular attention to engineering in the West Midlands, including the lock industry in the Willenhall area. In accordance with this policy it has now decided to conduct an investigation into the lock manufacturing companies of Chubb & Son Ltd."

The commission indeed emphasizes that it has received no complaint about Chubb and formed no opinion at this stage about whether or not the law has been contravened.

I suppose they picked on lock companies to see if they have an open door policy.

Ross Davies

McLEOD RUSSEL

"Record profits in year to 31st March, 1978"

reports Sir John Brown, the Chairman

* 1977 was a remarkable year for the tea industry and produced record profits for the Group. Board welcomes recent reduction in Indian export duty on tea both in short and longer term.
* Due to increased shipments to London, warehousing had a record year while packaging produced substantially improved results.
* Property dealing yielded a very satisfactory profit while investment gains were substantial.
* Associate company in India performed very satisfactorily. Indian reorganisation successfully completed subject to settlement of taxation issues.
* Current year's profits will be lower but should still be satisfactory.

COMPARATIVE RESULTS	1976	1977	1978
	£000's	£000's	£000's
Group profit before taxation	2,401	5,782	8,421
Group profit after taxation	900	1,799	2,278
Shareholders' funds at 31st March	11,348	12,762	15,689
	p.	p.	p.
Earnings per ordinary share	34.99	38.41	46.21
Dividend per ordinary share	6.46	10.00	13.50
Net assets per ordinary share	281.79	316.90	389.58

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Stock markets

Reluctance to sell in wake of Ford strike

There was one or two buyers quietly going about their business yesterday as well as closers but even more striking was the refusal of private individuals and institutions to sell.

The Ford strike was enough to put the market almost to sleep but there was also a disposition to argue that this winter was bound to see industrial trouble, and that a little ingenuity would find a way for both unions and Government to retreat without losing too much face.

Many were saying that a settlement of around 10 per cent to 12 per cent would not be taken amiss. The risk however, remains of a long dispute and a 15 per cent settlement at the end of it. Thoughts of this kind were enough to keep attempted recoveries within bounds.

Pending the outcome of Ford, Gilt edged reflected further talk of higher United States prime rates and a sliding dollar. Potential buyers of stock are patient as they wait for the Government to get on with more funding, on more attractive terms than now.

Operators argue that the Government will not want to fund when a general election is imminent. So the authorities may have to proceed with £3,000m of funding soon. Final quotes were between an eighth and a quarter lower.

The FT index slipped from the opening of business but a rally after 11 am took it up 4.3 points by noon. Then it retreated, rallied again and closed 4.8 up at 514.2. Business remained thin. Bargains marked rose a bit from 4,938 to 5,159.

Blue chips mirrored the mood with ICI rising 3p to 394p. GEC attracted a few buyers and rose 7p to 327p and Vickers rallied 1p to 198p ahead of the interim due on Thursday.

Fisons poor gain in half-time profits led to a further 3p drop to 357p yesterday and Glaxo, reporting early next month rose 1p to 518p.

Among sectors engineerings were looking steadier as in Metal Box, up 10p to 356p. Hawker Siddeley were 2p better at 250p while Ransome Sims finished 7p up at 175p. The interim report had Modern Engineers 3p up at 40p.

The tone was better in electricals, hard hit in the recent purge. GEC led the way and Thorn after the share placing of the founder's shares rallied 10p to 380p. Racal rose 6p to 328p.

The exception was EMI, 1p off at 155p after the chairman's comments on poor trading in medical electronics. The annual figures are due next Thursday.

Composite insurances convalesced with Royal 7p better at 362p and Commercial Union 2p up at 150p. Guardian Royal Exchange hardened 2p to 234p.

Second thoughts in timber had Bambergers, the subject of an approach, 2p ahead at 80p. James Latham hardened 5p to 130p and May & Hassell added 1p to 82p. In buildings Ibstock Johnson hardened 1p to 186p on mid-term profits 15 per cent up.

Other trading features provided interest. Barratt Developments reported a 51 per cent jump in profits and expressed confidence. This led to a rise of 7p to 124p. But hardly changed profits from Percy Bilton had the shares 5p down at 188p.

A 35 per cent rise in first half profits helped Watmoughs up 2p to 106p but it was speculative buying that pushed Milford Docks up 9p to 112p after 125p. The group recently reported a big recovery in profits and it could be on the take over trail. The chairman's cautious optimism was good for a 2p gain to 245p in Associated Dairies.

Denials of approaches from Cadbury Schweppes took 2p off Robertson Foods at 147p and Peter Pan Bakeries shed 10p to 50p after word that bid talks had proved unsuccessful.

Barr and Wallace Arnold succumbed to profit taking after the recent strong advance and fell 4p to 152p. In general, oils, properties and banks were neglected.

Elsewhere gold shares were dull and in Australians Peko Wallsend shed 16p to 524p. Far Eastern selling pulled Sime Darby down 9p to 106p. In firm stores Freemans slipped 5p to 375p in front of a statement due on October 9.

After the official close prices tended to harden a bit more by the odd penny or so. Newman Industries at 93p were unchanged after the profits news.

Equity turnover on September 25 was £82.9m (17,224 bargains). Active stocks yesterday according to Exchange Telegraph were Shell, Rank Organisation, ICI, GEC, BAT defd, BP, Trust Houses Forte, and Racal, besides Fisons, Sime Darby, Peko Wallsend and Barratt Developments.

From budding Irish multi national Jefferson Smurfit comes interim figures next Monday. They should suggest pre-tax profits growing this year to next January from £16m to around £19m, or a bit more, depending on the strength of demand in the closing months. Smurfit enjoys dividend freedom, and London saw recently a placing of stock formerly held by Continental Can. The shares are now 194p.

European Ferries stood out with a 2p rise to 136p yesterday. Interest in the shares should quicken as the Amsterdam listing draws nigh. This is thought to be next Wednesday.

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
AB Electronics (F)	20.0(16.6)	0.60(0.91)	10.0(14.5)	3.63(3.54)	—	5.6(5.0)
Airsprung Grp (I)	5.8(4.1a)	0.54(0.29a)	5.1(2.8)	2.3(1.4)	—	—(—)
Barratt Dev (F)	—(—)	11.1(7.4)		5.5(4.9)	23/11	8.1(7.3)
Brasway (F)	7.6(12.3)	0.21(0.54d)	9.53(26.8d)	1.0(Nil)	8/11	—(—)
Campbell Isherwd (I)	—(—)	0.26(0.28)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Hanger Invs (I)	26.8(18.0)	1.24(0.53)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Ibstock Johnsen (I)	21.4(16.4)	2.1(1.9)	10.52(12.0)	2.75(2.5)	10/11	
IDC Group (I)	13.3(9.5)	0.42(0.19)	—(—)	2.3(2.1)	31/10	—(—)
Newman Indst (I)	22.3(20.2)	2.2(1.4)	—(—)	1.5(1.37)	26-2-79	—(—)
Mod Eng Bristol (I)	3.9(3.8)	0.25(0.24)	—(—)	1.0(0.97)	13/11	—(—)
Norman Hay (I)	2.0(1.7)	0.31(0.21)	3.8(2.6)	1.5(1.0)	17/11	—(—)
Off & Elec Mach (I)	10.27(8.3)	1.00(0.8)	7.72(6.12)	1.46(1.27)	8/12	—(4.08)
Percy Bilton (I)	16.2(15.5)	3.0(2.9)	—(—)	2.26(2.22)	30/11	—(—)
Rosediamond Inv (I)	0.25c(0.21c)	—(—)	2.11(2.0)	2.11(2.0)	31/10	—(—)
Solicitors Law St (I)	11.6(9.5)	0.72(0.63)	2.41(2.23)	1.47(1.45)	16/11	—(—)
Tomatin Dist (I)	6.5(4.9)	0.41(0.36)	—(—)	3.6(3.2)	1/11	—(—)
Unicorn Inds (I)	36.2(34.0)	3.4(3.6)	6.7(7.3)	2.2(1.95)	11/12	—(—)
Unlight Grp (I)	6.9(5.3)	0.37(0.28)	—(—)	(0.40)(0.35)		

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News shares are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.49. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a=27 weeks. b excludes extra 0.04p. c=gross. a=loss.

Percy Bilton opening helped out by deposit income

Without the benefit of deposit income in the six months to end-June last, pre-tax profits from industrial property group Percy Bilton were barely improved at £3.04m.

Exceptional losses on contract housing are mostly out of the way although two substantial contracts are still running and will not be completely finished until next spring. But while the market responded with some dissatisfaction and marked the shares down 5p to 188p on what, at first sight, looks a disappointing performance the reaction appears to ignore the longer term potential of internally financed developments now going into the ground.

Cash balances of around £6m have been invested in new sites which, on completion, should yield around 10-11 per cent initially. Internal funding means that Bilton can incorporate a three year review term on its own developments and enjoy all the benefits of revisionary growth. A little over half the work currently in progress is funded without the help of institutional partners and will be held as investments.



Mr Percy Bilton, chairman Percy Bilton.

The group now has so 270,000 sq ft under constr tion, of which about 140,(sq ft is pre-let, and work or further 100,000 sq ft is due start imminently. The portfo currently stands at just un 8m sq ft and was valued earl bmy the by the board this year at £8:

This was generally regarc as conservative as it exclud reviews and was generally ba on about 12½ years' purcha Outside estimates suggest asset backing of around 2: per share where the mar price discount is about 10.5 cent.

Earnings per share climl from 4.3p to 4.7p per sh after tax of £1.28m. The charge, however, does not clude any adjustment for Ta Allowances on Industrial Bu ings as the board states tha would be misleading to ca late these over a six mo period.

The gross interim dividen maintained at 3.375p per sh

Growth brings Newman rise

By Tony May

The oard of Newman Industries says that the rise in pre-tax profits from £1.4m to £2.25m for the six months to June 30 represents intrinsic rowth and not extraordinary profits and losses attributable to acquisitions and disposals since 1977.

Sales at £22.3m against £20.2m continue to expand, with a high proportion of overseas activity. The ordinary book at the start of the second half "significantly exceeds" the one at this time last year. The dividend is raised from 2.07p to 2.23p gross.

Profits were boosted by a £495,000 contribution from the Avdel International NV group, in which Newman took a 31 cent stake with effect fr January 1.

The results show a tax cha of £281,000 for Avdel. Bartlett says that the provis for tax in the Avdel figures based upon circumstan which will radically change Newman exercises its option acquire the balance of Av

JFB offer for Weston succeeds

Johnson & Firth Brown's offer for Weston-Evans, the Manchester engineering company, went unconditional yesterday after a bitter fight with one shareholder, Birmingham and Midlands Counties Trust, which holds a 42 per cent stake.

Last night it was unclear if BMCT would finally accept the JFB offer.

JFB secured acceptances for 52.4 per cent of shares by purchasing a further 206,000 shares at 165½p a share. This values Weston-Evans at £8.9m, instead of £8.4m when JFB made its original 155p a share offer last month.

The future of BMCT's Mr Graham Ferguson Lacey and Mr Cecil McBride as non-executive directors on the WE board was still uncertain last night. JFB's financial adviser, Lazard Brothers, said no meeting was planned with the two men.

BMCT told shareholders when JFB's offer was worth 164p a share that the offer did not fully reflect the value of Weston-Evans although its own takeover bid of 124½p a share valued the company at £6.7m when it was made in July.

"The offer is partly in cash and partly in shares which are not underwritten. If JFB is successful in gaining control there is no guarantee that the JFB share price would be maintained at the present level", said BMCT.

The unconditional increased offer is 23 new JFB ordinary shares plus £16.26 in cash for every 20 Weston-Evans shares.

W.G. ALLEN

Group Results

	Year to 31st March 1978 £'000	Year to 31st Marc 1977 £'000
Turnover	6,997	6,277
Profit before Taxation	496	627
Profit after Taxation	428	452
Earnings per ordinary share before deduction of extraordinary items	12.70p	13.44p
Dividend per ordinary share	2.83p	2.56p

Additional points made by the Chairman:

★ *Group turnover amounted to approximately £7 millio as compared with just under £6.3 million for th previous year and pre-tax profits amounted to £496.0 as compared with £627,000. Nevertheless, despite pro lems, Tipton held its share of a declining market fo steel hot water boilers and increased its share of th growing market for steam boilers. Exports agai increased.*

★ *Once again the Board is recommending the maximu dividend which it is permitted to pay. A capitalisatio issue of one new ordinary share for every nine existin ordinary shares is also recommended.*

★ *The Group has got off to a good start in the curren year. Sales for the first three months of the year ham amounted to approximately £2 million, against £1.: million last year.*

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Unicorn Inds slip but still ahead of previous half

Unicorn Industries, the abrasives technology group, saw pre-tax profits fall by 4.5 per cent to £3.45m in the six months to June 30 1978.

But chairman Mr Brian Ball-Greene said that the results were 15 per cent higher than for the second half of 1977 and "broadly maintains the much higher level established during last year".

Margins came under pressure during the first half as the "reported upturn in consumer spending had not worked through to manufacturing industry b ythe end of the period under review", explained Mr Ball-Greene.

North American results were held back by the relocation of diamond product processes and a disruptive strike, which continued to produce a minimal contribution to group profits.

As predicted at the annual meeting last May, the diamond division's merchanting was hindered by the lack of stocks, due to a high level of demand in the last two years, although margins were well maintained.

But the European companies al did creditably in depressed markets with some recovery in Franec after the General Election and the first signs of an upturn in Sweden."

Abrasives International results now in the group's surface technology division acquired in December 1977, have been included for the first time with a record half year contribution.

The group has decided to purchase the remaining 50 per cent option on Atlas Copco Craelius which has moved from a pre-acquisition loss to a modest profit in the first half, according to Mr Ball-Greene. The 50 per cent stake in the Swedish group was acquired at the end of last year and included the option to purchase the remainder within three years.

An interim dividend of 3.28p gross has been declared against 3.03p last year, the maximum permissable. The group predicts a return to the record profit levels of £6.6m in 1977 if industry remains free of industrial unrest as there has been a slight improvement in home and export orders in the United Kingdom.

Office & Elec again on way to record

Another record year is well under way at Office & Electronic Machines. Turnover for the six months to June 30 went up 23.5 per cent to £10.2m, and pre-tax profits rose 24 per cent to £1m.

Mr Eric Markus, the chairman, expects turnover and profit to show a similar improvement over the full year. A 24 per cent rise on last year's record would give an outurn of abour £2.4m before tax.

Earnings a share were 7.72p against 6.12p and the interim dividend is to be raised from 1.93p to 2.09p gross. There is also a supplemental dividend of 0.06p gross triggered by the reduction in the rate of Advance Corporation Tax.

Mr Markus has already noted that although the group's expansion has increased its demand for working capital, the dividend cover is such that this need not prevent the group from raising its distribution if dividend restraint is lifted.

BTR

Of 8,750,135 ordinary shares issued by way of rights, 8,161,691 shares (93.28 per cent) provisionally allotted were taken up.

Ibstock Johnsen tops hopes with 15pc rise

By Rosemary Unsworth

Brick manufacturer Ibstock Johnsen slightly exceeded market expectations by producing a 15 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £2.1m for the six months to June 30, 1978.

But losses from the group's Belgian subsidiary offset increased profits from the group's Dutch factories where "production and deliveries continued at optimum levels and profits were well up on the first half of last year", said chairman, Mr Paul Hyde-Thomson.

The Belgian losses were caused by production difficulties and the group intends to staunch the loss by modernizing and renovating the plant during the second half.

Trading profit from the United Kingdom amounted to £1.7m compared with £1.3m, while the European companies contributed £430,000, the same as last year. The new American acquisition, Manor Brick Corporation, which it is hoped will increase production capacity by half, made £139,000 in the one month it contributed to first half results, and it is anticipated that the second half will produce about £600,000.

The £5m Marian acquisition was approved by shareholders at an extraordinary meeting yesterday and Mr Hyde-Thomson said that it is probable that turnover for Europe and the United States will exceed that for the United Kingdom for the first time in the current half year. "With housing starts in the United States running at historically high levels and brick in strong demand, trade particularly during the fine summer months has been very bouyant", he said.

He anticipates that the group's total profit will be £5m by the year end, against £4.3m last year. "Group profit is likely to show more fluctuations between the first and second half years with the second half being noticeably better than the first."

An interim dividend of 4p gross has been declared compared with 3.7p gross last year but the board says it will be unable to take advantage of the Government's dividend cover formula to pay more than a 10 per cent increase for the year.

Hanger Invs expect check in final stage

Ford distributor Hanger Investments does not expect to maintain in the second half-year the exceptional growth in profits achieved over the past few years. Subject to external factors, and of course the supply of new vehicles "in particular Ford", profits for the second half will be better than the £700,000 made last year.

Profits for the first six months to June 30 leapt from £530,000 to £1.24m—more than the record £1.23m made over the whole of 1977. Turnover went up from £18m to £26.8m The results include profits of Interleasing Truck Rental, formerly V. H. Self Drive from March 1. The group bought this truck-hire company in April for £1.95m cash. It has a fleet of 1,000 vehicles, most of them medium vans and heavy commercial vehicles.

Assuming that current dividend restraints remain in force, the board intends to pay a maximum dividend at the year end. Last year 0.68p gross was paid.

Tomatin opens brightly

Profits at Tomatin Distillers increased by 13 per cent to £412,000 in the first half of the year, and the board, expects this improvement to continue during the second half. This is based on orders for new whisky already received, and because, the company says, it is probably one of the few distilleries which has any significant unused capacity left remaining.

The rise in profits came on turnover of £6.56m, against £4.9m.

The group, which is the largest malt whisky distillery in Scotland, is raising the interim dividend from 1.22p to 1.34p. gross. There is also a supplementary final of 0.04p to take account of the change in tax.

At the start of the year, the group expected an improvement from export sales and profits.

"Every quarter of the world is now a Davy market"

Highlights from the Annual Statement by Sir John Buckley, the chairman, for the year ended 31st March 1978

	1978 millions	1977 millions
Work done	£387	£329
Profit before tax	£25.4	£18.8
Net assets employed	£102.9	£76.7
Order book at 30th June	£1,240	£1,157
Earnings per share	34.5p	30.9p

- High levels of performance of recent years maintained.
- Notable successes in field of large projects.
- Continued development of financial strength and further improvement in liquidity.
- Continuing capital expenditure on modern machinery and equipment.
- Changes in company structure and organisation successfully completed to adjust to growth and the mergers with Head Wrightson and Herbert Morris.
- Company well placed for further expansion.

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Business appointments

Sheffield Twist announce board changes

Mr J. L. Dickinson, deputy chairman, becomes non-executive chairman of The Sheffield Twist Drill and Steel Co. Mr K. G. T. Clephane becomes managing director and chief executive of the company.

Dr Alan Wickens, has been named director of research, British Rail.

Mr Sidney Jerome has been appointed to the board of the Matfield Press with effect from October 1 with special responsibility for sales.

Mr C. W. King, has been made works director of A C E Machinery (Holding), A C E Machinery and William Jones (Chemical Engineers) in place of Mr E. L. Stiles who retires on September 30.

Mr Alexander Hegard is now a director of Derritron.

Mr Barry LeDo has been appointed by the Department of Trade as director general of the Saudi-British Economic Cooperation Office in Riyadh. He succeeds Mr Peter Corley who has returned to the Department.

Mr David Wilson has been made secretary of The British Land Co.

Mr John Oockenden has been elected president of the Computing Services Association.

Mr James B. Corcoran has become managing director of Adamson Containers, an Acrow Group company.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The following are the monthly figures for Great Britain:

	Total unad. '000s	Seasonally adjusted	%	Adult vacancies seasonally adjusted 000s
1977				
Sept	1,542	1,378	5.9	145
Oct	1,457	1,375	5.9	154
Nov	1,438	1,373	5.9	157
Dec	1,420	1,365	5.9	163
1978				
Jan	1,485	1,361	5.8	178
Feb	1,446	1,350	5.8	185
March	1,399	1,340	5.7	194
April	1,387	1,326	5.7	202
May	1,325	1,307	5.6	208
June	1,381	1,305	5.6	216
July	1,512	1,310	5.6	209
Aug	1,534	1,331	5.7	208
Sept	1,447	1,317	5.6	217

REGIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT

Seasonally adjusted: (excluding school leavers)

	Number	Change since April 13	% of all employees
South East	303,500	—5,000	4.0
East Anglia	33,700	— 700	4.8
South West	100,400	—1,000	5.2
W Midlands	120,500	—2,200	5.2
E Midlands	75,200	—1,000	4.8
Yorks/H'side	119,200	— 900	5.7
North West	199,800	—2,400	7.1
North	111,400	+ 500	8.2
Wales	85,100	—1,200	7.3
Scotland	168,100	— 100	7.6
GB	1,316,700	—14,200	6.4
N Ireland	61,400	+ 100	11.2
UK	1,378,100	—14,000	5.8

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£250,000	In 2,500,000 Ordinary Shares of 10p each £142,904.50

LOAN CAPITAL

	Issued and Fully Paid
10 per cent Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 1993	£690,000

The modified Scheme of Arrangement under Section 206 of the Companies Act 1948, providing for the amalgamation with Rightwise Limited of Deundi Holdings Limited, Gadek Indonesia Limited and Arbour Court Investments Limited, has now become effective.

Application has been granted by the Council of The Stock Exchange for all the issued Ordinary shares and Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock of the Company to be admitted to the Official List with effect from 29th September 1978.

Particulars of the Company and of the 10 per cent Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 1993 have been circulated in Extel Statistical Services Limited and copies of the particulars may be obtained during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays excepted) up to and including 18th October 1978, from:—

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27th September 1978

ASSOCIATED TOOLING INDUSTRIES LIMITED

Summary of Results	Year ended 28 February 1978	1977
Turnover	£1,451,636	£1,407,545
Profit before tax	£109,356	£72,665
Profit after tax	£47,609	£27,135
Earnings per share	2.7p	1.6p
Dividend per share	3.84327p	3.493875p

The following are extracts from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr A. G. Pratt.

The freehold premises known as The Old Silk Mill, Brook Street, Tring has been sold for £180,000 cash. As a result of this transaction the Group has made a net profit of approximately £70,000, which will be included as an extraordinary item in the interim figures for the half year ended 31st August, 1978.

Since the end of the financial year the Group has disposed of further assets which were not providing a satisfactory return. This, coupled with current trading and the aforementioned transactions has resulted in the Group having substantial cash resources and a materially improved liquidity position. The Board are considering all available alternatives to utilise this cash surplus including acquisitions and the feasibility of making a substantial cash payment to members by way of a capital reduction.

All subsidiaries continue to trade at a profit and overall the Board views the future more optimistically than when last reporting.

/IcKee acquisition would give)avy strength worldwide

Ray Maughan

)avy International, which is change its name to Davy poration, expects to finalize important £55.5m cash uisition of Cleveland, Ohio-ed McKee Corporation in ut three months time.

Intil then, Davy chairman Sir in Buckley will not be able comply with his expressed ention of making known ther details of this major v departure due to the uirements of the United tes Stock Exchange Commis-

fter the annual meeting yes-lay, he reinforced the gener-held opinion that McKee's nings might stagnate or even this year. "One or two of Kee's contracts have not ved forward as rapidly as ected", Sir John conceded, id the workload is lighter n normal."

le pointed out that McKee concentrated in the North erican continent and is thus re susceptible to fluctuations demand than Davy whose domestic base has forced British company to find k throughout the world.

ut any shortfall that McKee y suffer, he said, was not so ch a result of difficult erican trading conditions or thing inherently wrong with Kee itself as "a difficult ise which every company s through".

he chairman was not unduly cerned about the political lications for Davy's increas- workload in mainland na. "Many American com-



Sir John Buckley, chairman of Davy International.

panies already operate in China", he pointed out, "and Davy has not been put off in China even though it owns United States subsidiaries."

Addressing himself to the outlook for Davy itself, Sir John said that recent sluggish economic conditions were likely to continue but this disguised the dynamic growth generated in particular parts of the world. He identified the potential growth areas as China—hence the political significance of Davy's increased American involvement—and South Korea. Since the group's accounts were published, two contracts aggregating £38m have been won in China and it appears that several more contracts have reached an advanced stage of negotiations.

"Wtih McKee", the chairman went on, "we can offer stronger worldwide competition and our ability to take on very large contracts will be greatly enhanced".

He made it clear that opportunities such as the McKee acquisition occurred only rarely and should therefore be taken quickly. The consideration will be funded initially by Eurodollar borrowings which will be converted shortly afterwards to long term debt supplemented by the group's own financial resources. At present, the timing and extent of permanent loan drawings has not been decided.

Retaied profits at Davy in the year to end-March last amounted to £10.04m while bank balance and deposits stood at about £59.4m, excluding quoted foreign bonds which had a market value of £14.84m. Capital spending, which stood at £9m last year and £7m in the year before that, is set to rise to about £13m, mostly in manufacturing capacity, over the current period.

In addition to the increase in authorized share capital to £25m and the one-for-one capitalization issue, shareholders also voted for the change of name. Davy has been reorganized into two main streams of activity; engineering and construction, which will inherit the Davy International title, and equipment design and manufacturing activities which *will be grouped under the Davy* Engineering Industries headin.

Belgian side in loss but Solicitors' Law ahead

By Rosemary Unsworth

Pre-tax profits for the Solicitors' Law Stationery Society increased by 13 per cent to £722,000 for the six months to June 30 1978 while turnover rose by 22 per cent to £11.6m.

The greatest contributions in increased profit came from the printing, publishing and stationery divisions, while other sectors made smaller increases. But the Belgian subsidiary and reprographic division continued to make losses.

The group has now sold the Belgian assets and is merging the reprographic division with its London technical services sector to form a new business machines division. The sale of a leasehold property in Tonbridge and the formation of a "specialized trading structure will enable us to make more economic use of our existing premises", said its chairman, Mr Richard Hodges.

But he pointed out the reorganization costs including 25 redundancies are likely to slow down the "marginally improving trend indicated by the first half results", producing pre-tax profits of about £1.26m for the full year, the same as 1977.

An interim dividend of 2.2p gross has been declared, the same as last year, in view of the reorganization costs as the "full benefit will not be felt until 1979", said Mr Hodges. Earnings a share for the six months increased from 2.23p to 2.41p.

Del Monte agrees in principle to merge with R J Reynolds

After almost two months of opposition to an unsolicited $456m offer from R. J. Reynolds Industries Inc., Del Monte Corporation directors have agreed in principle for the company to be acquired by the diversified tobacco concern, according to AP-Dow Jones.

Del Monte said the tentative agreement provides that, subject to shareholder approval, 45 per cent of Del Monte's common outstanding will be purchased by R. J. Reynolds for $48.50 a share, and the remaining 55 per cent will be exchanged, share for share, for a new R. J. Reynolds non-convertible voting cumulative preferred stock.

In early August, Reynolds offered to pay $38 a share for as much as 45 per cent of Del Monte's 12m or so shares outstanding. The remaining Del Monte shares would have been exchanged for equity security in Reynolds, which would have about the same $38 share value. Since then, Del Monte had said it intended to resist the Reynolds offer.

The cash portion of Reynolds' new offer would have a value of about $262m. Trading in Del Monte stock was suspended Monday by the New York Stock Exchange. On Friday, Del Monte closed at $38.875.

Based on the $48.50 Reynolds is offering for 45 per cent of Del Monte's stock, Del Monte's 12m shares would have a value of about $620m. However, a Del Monte spokesman declined to put a value on the preferred being offered for 55 per cent of Del Monte's common.

Del Monte said it anticipates *that under present market con*ditions the new preferred stock will have an annual dividend rate of 8 per cent to 8.1 per cent with mandatory and optional sinking fund payments beginning in the sixth year and maturity in 12 years.

Del Monte said if holders of more than 45 per cent of its shares elect to receive cash, their shares will be acquired for cash on a pro rata basis. If holders of more than 55 per cent of Del Monte's shares elect to receive preferred stock, their shares will be acquired for preferred stock on a pro rata basis. The company added that it anticipates its 5¼ per cent convertible debentures, due 1994, will be converted before completion of the merger.

The company said the combination would be effected through a merger of Del Monte with a unit of Reynolds.

Del Monte, a major packer of fruits and vegetables and a marketer of fresh fruits, said it will *continue to* operate as a separate entity under its present name, with headquarters in San Francisco.

The agreement is subject to the approval of Del Monte holders, completion of a definitive merger agreement and receipt of a tax-free ruling from the Internal Revenue Service.

Montedison shares fall on reports of losses

From John Earle

Rome, Sept 26

Montedison shares fell 5.8 per *cent* on hte Milan Bourse today on Italian press reports that losses during the first six months of this year persisted at the same rate as the record 509,000m lire (£318m) for the 12 months of 1977. The reports, purported to be based on the half-yearly review the company submits to the Bourse Supervisory Commission, also spoke of a 3.7 per cent rise in sales, o 12 per cent rise in Labour *costs, and an increase* in debts to 2,229,000m lire (£1,393m), of which 59.5 per cent were short-term.

The company said final drafting of the review was not complete, but did not deny the reports. It has to be approved by o board meeting on Saturday. There is speculation wether the identity will soon be revealed of unidentified Arabs reported negotiating to buy 10 *per cent of* the equity. This, together with over-enthusiasm about an oil find off Sicily, has doubled the share price of the chemical giant in the last month, including a rise on one day of 38.8 per cent.

Broken Hill plans to offer $80m debentures at par

Broken Hill Pty said in Melbourne that it will offer $80m debentures at par to all share and debenture holders, with the right to accept 20m oversubscriptions.

Terms and coupon are—six years 9.7 per cent, 10 years 9.8 per cent, and 15 years 9.9 per cent. *The issue will be under*written by Australian United Corporation and sharebrokers J. B. Were & Son and Potter Partners.

BHP said applictions open on November 16 and close not later than December 8. Share and debenture holders with United States addresses will not bt offered any of the debentures.

Meanwhile, at the annual meeting in Melbourne, Sir James McNeill, chairman, said there were *grounds for some* encouragement in the immediate outlook for the group.

"Australian manufacturers who have struggled with inflation and poor demand, with inevitable consequences for earnings, now see signs of business activity moving up, albeit *slowly and not yet in all sec*tors", he told the annual meeting.

The reduction in the inflation rate would be assisted further by the recent Australian Budget, the overall thrust of which should assist the general recovery.

"Our steel order intake for the domestic market has continued to move up in recent months and if this is continued it augurs a lift in economic activity", he concluded.

Volvo link with Norway likely soon

A definitive agreement is likely to be signed on October 15 by Volvo, Sweden's biggest car company, which would make the Norwegian Government the largest single shareholder.

Volvo, in an effort to boost its size and competitiveness, is planning a complex reorganization in which it would sell 40 per cent of its shares to investors or the Government in Norway.

The plan would raise the equivalent of about $170m in new capital, increasing Volvo's capital base by more than half.

A by-product is that the arrangement would bring Volvo into the improbable field of exploring for and producing oil offshore Norway.

"This is a venture that has many different kinds of aspects", said Mr Olof C. Sjostrom, Volvo's senior vice-president. The Norwegian link would "add strength and force" to Volvo, but he dismisses reports that it is vital to the company's economic survival.

However, it is a complex agreement *and could easily fall* apart. That is what happened last year, when Volvo tried to merge with Sweden's second largest car company, Saab-Scania AB.

Consolidated Gold in dividend hint

Consolidated Gold Fields, the giant South African mining finance house, has good prospects of paying a bigger dividend this year even at lower gold prices than currently prevail, Mr A. Louw, the company's chairman, says in his annual report for 1977.

Net assets at the end of the financial year in June had risen to R595m (£372m), and by August had gone up further to R680m or 4,173 cents a share.

Some 90 per cent of income came from gold mining companies, an dthe gross profit of gold mines administered by the group exceeded R500m for the first time.

Despite a more stable labour force, costs continue to be a problem. Mr Louw estimates that if taxation did not absorb as much as 785 per cent of a mine's *incremental* income, dividends accruing to GFSA would have been R14m more.

Mr Louw points out that GFSA is not dependent on foreign capital.

Saudis now enter French electronics

The Saudi group Tag International has made another foray in France by acquiring a majority interest in a small French electronics concern, Societe Occitane d'Electronique (SOE). Societe Generale pour le Financement de l'Innovation, whose major shareholder is the French nationalized Bank Societe Generale, said it has acquired a 13 per cent interest in SOE.

Rivals to UTD Tech in Carrier bid

Sources close to Carrier Corporation indicated that they expect competitive bids to the $28 a share tender offer being pressed by United Technologies Corporation.

Carrier "was approached *over the weekend by two other* potential bidders", said a source close to Carrier. "One was an oil company and the beginning figure was $30 a share."—AP-DJ.

Compton to recoup setback

Compton Son & Webb, the form makers whose board is ommending acceptance of an .5m bid from Courtaulds, suffered a profit setback at half-year stage, but is fore-*ing an increase in full year* fits from £1.8m to £2m.

ord Chelwood, Compton bb's chairman, has told reholders the Courtaulds r represents a 71 per cent ease in the capital value of shares over the 40p market e just before the rival bid Carrington Viyella.

lowever, a spokesman for rington's financial advisers, nbros Bank, emphasized last ht it should not be taken for nted that Carrington would return with a higher bid n Courtaulds, whose offer is th 67½p against 60p from rington.

ompton Webb's first half fits fell from £864,000 to 4,000 on turnover up from m to £11.1m.

yde Petroleum ubles at half-time

lecting progress in Ecuador ffset to some extent by t-up losses in some of de Petroleum's new ven-es—Clyde's pre-tax profits e than doubled to £696,000 the first half of this year, pared with £329,000. Turn-r was up from £4.91m to 9m. With the disposal of 29.8 per cent holding in n & Lyon in April and the cing of substantially all of Clyde shares owned by

Briefly

Clyde Petroleum (Minerals), the group's financial position remains strong.

BANK OF TOKYO

Bank of Tokyo Curacao Holding NV, an overseas subsidiary of Bank of Tokyo, is to launch a 15-year, $30m floating rate bond issue in Europe. The lead underwriter is S. G. Warburg, and Bank of Tokyo will guarantee the issue. The annual interest of the bond will be 3-16 percentage point higher than the six-month Eurodollar rate, and the interest rate will fluctuate every six months.

ITALIAN LOAN

Italy's state-controlled telephone company, SIP, is raising $40m through an eight-year loan at 1 per cent over London interbank offered rates. The loan will be managed by Chase Manhattan in Frankfurt and will be used to finance SIP's investment programme in Italy.

CHANGE OF SHAREHOLDING

A & P Appledore International marine industry's services group, has been acquired by A & P Appledore (Holdings) a company formed by senior employees. Shares in A & P Appledore International were mainly owned previously by London & Overseas Freighters the United Kingdom shipping group and liquidator of Court Line.

ROSEDIAMOND INVST TRUST

Gross income for 6 months to July 31 was £255,600 (£213,600). Net revenue after expenses and tax, £226,400 (£122,200). Earnings a share, 2.11p (2.04p), and interim dividend, 3.12p gross (2.98p gross).

BRISTOL WATERWORKS

Offer attracted applications for £6.13m of stock. The lowest price to receive a partial allotement was £97.55 and average price obtained was £97.659.

JOHN LAING & SON LIMITED

Meetings of shareholders convened by the High Court to approve the scheme to reconstruct Laing passed it by the requisite majority.

LAND SECURITIES

for following amounts of stock: £11.27m of 5¾ per cent conv unsec loan stock, 1983; £6.11m of 6¼ per cent conv unsec loan stock, 1985; £100,485 of 10 per cent conv unsec loan stock, 1990-95.

SCOTS HERITABLE TST

Mr M. Green, a director, intends on behalf of himself and his family to acquire from Mr A. Cochrane Duncan, the chairman, 600,000 ordinary shares. This concludes option agreement on August 25, 1976. Mr Duncan now holds 1.389m shares, 23 per cent.

Options

Business picked up a bit on traded options pitch yesterday when it arranged 882 contracts compared with only 614 the day before and 605 last Friday. Pride of place went to GEC with 112 deals but close behind was BP with 104 options. Business started in a new series of Rio-Tinto-Zinc options but only 26 contracts were done. In the conventional options market business was a bit brisker. A fortnightly call option was done in Armstrong Equipment.

Strike takes toll of AB Elec

Growth and progress at AB Electronic Products was overshadowed in the year to June 30 by the strike at the Welsh factories, unrest before the strike, lost output and the consequent uneconomic working to meet customers' urgent requirements. All this combined to hold down profits to £604,000 for the year against a record £915,000

Exports went up 37 per cent, and group sales abroad by 22 per cent. Capital expenditure was stepped up by 50 per cent. Earnings a share were 9.8p against 14.1p. A final dividend of 5.4p gross gives a total for the year of 8.38p against 7.6p.

Future prospects are "encouraging". Liquidity is "satisfactory" and the order position good.

IDC doubles in half-year with all fronts going strong

IDC Group, designers and constructors of industrial and commercial buildings, made a substantial recovery from its poor 1977 figures. It reports a boost of nearly £4m in its half-year to April 30, jumping from £9.5m in the year ago period to £13.3m. Pre-tax profit rose from £191,400 last year to £428,500. The chairman, Mr Howard Hicks and his wife waived a dividend, and the group benefited by about £12,000.

After the disappointing results of 1977, Mr Hicks, in his statement says that he is able to confirm that the results for the full year will show the substantial recovery he had forecast in his last statement.

He said that all activities in the group were extremely busy, both at home and overseas. The results that can be anticipated for the following years, he said, should continue in an upward trend. Group liquidity was "very satisfactory".

previous loss of £549,500. Earnings a share were 9.53p (loss 28.85).

Mr R. A. Swaby, the chairman, states that the board has now concentrated the group into two large divisions which are scrap processing and tube production. In both areas, Mr Swaby said he could see substantial scope for profit growth.

Yearling bonds back to 10⅛ pc

After last weeks dip 10 per cent the coupon on this weeks crop of local authority bonds is back to 10 per cent. The biggest borrower is Edinburgh with £1.25m, while Darlington, Lambeth and Liverpool are each raising £1m.

Airsprung turns in 83 pc profits leap

On the back of a 41 per cent rise in turnover to £5.8m, pre-tax profits of Airsprung Group—which is quoted on the "Over the Counter" market, jumped 83 per cent to £544,000 for *the six months to July 1.*

Earnings a share of what claims to be the fourth largest maker of beds in the United Kingdom, were 5.1p against 2.8p The dividend is 3.4p, against 2.12p, gross.

Trading for the six months was "excellent, compared with a depressed period last year. The full year's profit should "comfortably exceed" the £817,000 for 1977.

Watmoughs Hldgs in bright opening

Watmoughs Holdings, colour printers, printers, publishers and process engravers, added about £1m to its half-yearly sales to June 30 in a rise from £3.8m to £4.9m. Pre-tax profit was £405,000 against £300,000. An interim dividend of 1.78p gross is being paid against 1.32p gross. Earnings per share were 5.59p (4.56p adjusted).

The board states that group sales continue at a high leevl, and provided they can be maintained for the remainder of the year, 197 8will be another year of success.

Braswway dips but stays optimistic

Brasway sales for the year to April 29 dipped from £12.3m last year to £7.6m. Pre-tax profit was £212,900 against a

Centrovincial board looks to progress

The board of Centrovincial Estates reports substantial progress in the past two years with the disposal of the major European properties, and part of the Australian portfolio. These sales will make a significant contribution to improving future profitability.

It will also be strengthened by it *continuing* improvement in net-rental income, both in the United Kingdom and from the remaining overseas properties. These sales, together with those in the United Kingdom have also resulted in considerable de-gearing. The board is now able to look to the future with greater confidence than they have for a number of years.

Margins still bite at Procter & Gamble

The UK end of Procter & Gamble raised its turnover for the year to June 30 from £163m to £188.7m. Profit after-tax was 5m compared with £3.9m. The improvement in profit "was very much needed". There was however, only a small improvement in profit margin, and at 2.7 per cent of turnover this remains unsatisfactory "in relation to investment requirements to support the growth of business.

"Without intensive cost consciousness, which stimulated successful methods changes and increased productivity throughout the business, the improvement in profit could certainly not have been achieved."

Sunlight Service stays hopeful

With its first-half profits rising 30 per cent to £377,000, Sunlight Service Group say that results for the current trading period are encouraging. It expects the full year to show a "satisfactory" increase over the record £814,000 brought in over 1977.

Turnover was £6.9m against £5.3m. The interim dividend is 0.59p gross against 4.0p. After a disappointing start the linen hire division improved significantly in the latter months of the year. All other divisions made a useful contribution.

COSTAIN DEBENTURES OFFERED

A Can$25m 11¼ per cent Costain Ltd issue of sinking fund debentures maturing in 1998, retractable to 1988, is being launched in the Canadian market at par. Costain Ltd is a 49.2 per cent-owned associate of Richard Costain. The issue was rated low by Dominion Bond Rating Service.

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

to the Holders of

The Japan Development Bank

Fifteen Year 5¾% Guaranteed External Loan Bonds Due October 15, 1979

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Seven Hundred Forty Five Thousand Dollars ($745,000) principal amount of The Japan Development Bank, Fifteen Year 5¾% Guaranteed External Loan Bonds due October 15, 1979 and bearing the following serial numbers have been drawn for account of the Sinking Fund for redemption on October 15, 1978.

COUPON BONDS

25	977	1554	1812	3030	4122	5035	5951	6470	7281	8221	9954	10808	12620	14278
28	985	1557	1815	3054	4125	5046	5957	6474	7367	8287	9961	10817	12631	14390
30	992	1561	1820	3057	4128	5105	5960	6481	7374	8290	9965	10917	12662	14548
33	995	1569	1827	3070	4131	5221	5967	6490	7378	8294	9985	10935	12670	14641
37	1000	1574	1832	3074	4138	5262	5985	6500	7386	8300	10007	10956	12680	14653
50	1007	1575	1837	3097	4177	5324	5993	6597	7393	8305	10044	10975	12764	14730
103	1011	1588	1840	3102	4221	5338	5997	6600	7410	8318	10052	10977	12767	14746
123	1017	1592	1845	3105	4294	5364	6000	6634	7418	8392	10056	11008	12773	14757
125	1023	1608	1848	[illegible]	4414	5371	6011	6660	7423	8395	10155	11015	12780	14763
128	1030	1621	1856	3114	4420	5384	6018	6714	7439	8402	10188	11274	12876	14778
138	1041	1625	1860	3118	4424	5388	6022	6731	7458	8407	10200	11357	12898	14793
145	1060	1630	1862	3121	4441	5398	6033	6765	7645	8437	10208	11408	12902	14809
170	1066	1636	1865	3125	4466	5397	6047	6767	7671	8459	10214	11423	12904	14845
190	1070	1637	1874	3133	4470	5399	6068	6786	7705	8461	10228	11438	12915	14857
193	1082	1642	1881	3136	4475	5405	6074	6876	7742	8648	10233	11450	12951	14875
216	1085	1645	1905	3141	4483	5410	6077	6957	7748	8670	10237	11461	12984	14895
217	1095	1651	1933	3147	4516	5412	6085	6961	7757	8745	10296	11486	13004	14925
222	1097	1656	1964	3155	4520	5417	6091	6965	7771	8752	10300	11530	13051	14933
225	1101	1660	1985	3161	4527	5421	6112	6973	7796	8760	10308	11635	13456	14942
232	1105	1662	2024	3166	4544	5425	6124	7012	7821	8770	10316	11654	13460	14951
234	1109	1665	2087	3172	4549	5428	6147	7023	7831	8775	10324	11717	13537	14958
237	1114	1668	2099	3205	4578	5436	6182	7025	7865	8783	10353	11722	13541	14966
425	1122	1673	2110	3208	4583	5442	6317	7030	7883	8844	10362	11731	13552	15000
456	1125	1677	2127	3216	4611	5448	6320	7037	7891	9002	10372	11785	13563	15024
711	1130	1680	2134	3247	4624	5455	6324	7092	7898	9009	10420	11792	13602	15083
717	1132	1683	2211	3286	4630	5479	6331	7094	7900	9050	10438	11811	13613	15093
720	1141	1686	2360	3295	4638	5515	6335	7097	7904	9093	10454	11821	13633	15099
725	1147	1690	2373	3356	4644	5582	6340	7099	7911	9131	10460	11824	13638	15101
728	1152	1694	2392	3409	4648	5586	6343	7104	7918	9198	10467	11882	13653	15104
732	1155	1697	2418	3439	4654	5596	6347	7106	7922	9231	10474	11954	13658	15110
747	1162	1702	2490	3461	4662	5684	6356	7108	7925	9278	10480	11991	13704	15120
804	1170	1704	2515	3483	4700	5706	6361	7110	7966	9355	10500	12072	13734	15122
824	1175	1710	2621	3508	4758	5713	6363	7114	7981	9361	10508	12082	13753	15136
875	1177	1716	2627	3546	4767	5721	6367	7120	8045	9366	10515	12093	13760	15142
897	1180	1718	2633	3563	4773	5757	6372	7124	8048	9375	10526	12115	13779	15154
906	1186	1720	2644	3574	4779	5760	6381	7130	8050	9381	10562	12118	13790	15170
913	1193	1722	2653	3685	4788	5762	6387	7132	8054	9390	10573	12129	13806	15178
917	1195	1725	2657	3794	4792	5765	6393	7137	8062	9666	10582	12144	13810	15219
920	1200	1730	2668	3808	4800	5776	6404	7140	8067	9671	10586	12161	13815	15232
922	1214	1733	2678	3831	4804	5781	6407	7142	8105	9742	10591	12192	13851	15340
924	1218	1736	2690	3844	4812	5823	6420	7146	8116	9847	10600	12223	13863	15348
928	1220	1743	2695	3852	4820	5840	6427	7153	8120	9850	10616	12262	13867	15361
934	1230	1746	2701	3858	4850	5852	6430	7157	8124	9852	10626	12267	13872	15395
938	1517	1750	2831	3868	4853	5855	6435	7167	8128	9858	10632	12310	13903	15453
944	1528	1780	2860	3878	4897	5870	6441	7172	8131	9876	10642	12362	13920	15458
947	1536	1782	2986	4047	4902	5881	6450	7177	8138	9917	10653	12480	13926	
953	1540	1787	2992	4075	4907	5892	6453	7186	8152	9928	10684	12531	13931	
957	1542	1794	3001	4100	5009	5898	6455	7212	8160	9953	10693	12561	14067	
965	1547	1797	3017	4105	5018	5917	6462	7217	8163	9940	10741	12580	14114	
970	1551	1800	3024	4112	5020	5934	6467	7253	8187	9949	10801	12590	14185	

The Bonds called for redemption will become due and payable on October 15, 1978 at the full principal amount. The holders of the above Bonds should present and surrender them for redemption on October 15, 1978 with the April 15, 1979 and subsequent coupons attached at **The Bank of Tokyo Trust Company, 100 Broadway, New York, New York 10005** or at the offices of **The Bank of Tokyo, Ltd.** *in* **London, Paris, and Dusseldorf**; or at the office of **the Banque Internationale à Luxembourg, Boulevard Royale 2, Luxembourg, Luxembourg.** Coupons payable on October 15, 1978 should be detached and collected in the usual manner.

Interest on the Bonds so called for redemption will cease to accrue from and after the redemption date, to wit, October 15, 1978.

THE BANK OF TOKYO TRUST COMPANY
as Fiscal Agent

Dated: September 13, 1978

NOTICE

The following coupon Bonds previously called for redemption have not as yet been presented for payment.

1524	4051	5777	6764	7377	8394	8780	9660	13774	14902	16946	17950	18209	19428
2032	5104	5780	6772	7391	8404	9085	10063	13745	15096	17144	17984	18461	19431
3817	5141	5874	6788	7745	8671	9086	11776	13795	15599	17298	18138	18565	19954
3819	5500	6042	6789	7982	8711	9145	12671	13807	16216	17817	18204	18966	
3850	5772	6757	7372	8148	8751	9277	12662	14282	16494	17944	18206	19427	

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

to the Holders of

The Metropolis of Tokyo

5¾% Guaranteed Dollar Bonds Due April 15, 1979

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that One Million Seventy Thousand Dollars ($1,070,000.00) principal amount of the Metropolis of Tokyo, Fifteen Year 5¾% Guaranteed Dollar Bonds due April 15, 1979 and bearing the following serial numbers have been drawn for the account of the Sinking Fund for redemption on October 15, 1978.

COUPON BONDS

2	1413	3424	4680	6458	8162	10341	12008	14310	15548	16838	18042	18930	20680	22102
8	1420	3497	4683	6483	8171	10344	12022	14330	15557	16872	18048	18935	20696	22106
17	1422	3512	4721	6486	8178	10348	12584	14338	15561	16891	18073	18953	20712	22110
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448	1979	3822	5031	6847	9381	10967	12861	14726	16208	17365	18487	19343	21247	22289
478	1982	3841	5163	6851	9431	10975	12865	14782	16225	17372	18493	19353	21257	22296
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1408	3412	4670	6420	8133	10333	11987	14297	15539	16881	18035	18917	20650	22100	

The Bonds called for redemption will become due and payable on October 15, 1978 at the full principal amount. The holders of the above Bonds should present and surrender them on October 15, 1978 with the April 15, 1979 and subsequent coupons attached at **The Bank of Tokyo Trust Company, 100 Broadway, New York, New York 10005** or at the offices of **The Bank of Tokyo, Ltd. in London, Paris, and Dusseldorf** or at the office of **Banque Internationale à Luxembourg, Boulevard Royale 2, Luxembourg, Luxembourg.** Coupons payable on October 15, 1978 should be detached and collected in the usual manner.

Interest on the Bonds so called for redemption will cease to accrue from and after the redemption date, to wit, October 15, 1978.

THE BANK OF TOKYO TRUST COMPANY
as Fiscal Agent

Dated: September 13, 1978

NOTICE

The following coupon Bonds previously called for redemption have not as yet been presented for payment.

104	1225	1788	2011	3843	5313	6890	9269	10295	10989	13784	15234	16207	18323	21273
667	1227	1771	2321	4068	5464	7093	9273	10337	11001	13785	15238	16863	18325	21277
672	1238	1772	2340	4069	5640	7108	9446	10851	11163	13786	15365	16947	18499	22025
690	1244	1774	2844	4070	5641	7548	9801	10864	11236	13788	15423	17230	18957	22101
801	1314	1776	2903	4203	5701	7566	9956	10391	11806	14275	15433	17246	19050	22104
809	1436	1782	3045	4385	5731	7878	9968	10403	11807	14355	15440	17328	19059	22107
1005	1438	1845	3053	4486	6408	8018	10196	10420	11809	14358	15555	17830	19504	22373
1046	1486	1945	3354	4668	6627	8039	10197	10421	11948	14455	15558	17497	20578	22379
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1218	1687	1996	3601	5030	6814	9257	10287	10566	11998	15230	15940	17926	21265	
1220	1714	1997	3702	5160	6819	9267	10293	10569	13747	15283	16200	18111	21270	

MARKET REPORTS

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

US STRAIGHTS ($)

	Bid	Offer
Australia 8 1982	97¼	97¾
Austria 8½ 1990	96½	96¾
Avco 9½ 1985	99	99½
Barclays 8½ 1992	95¼	95¾
Beatrice 7½ 1985	96	96½
Canadair 8½ 1983	97½	97¾
Canada Nat Railway 8½ 1986	95¾	96½
CECA 9 1993	99½	100
Charbonnage de France 8¼ 1981	98¼	98¾
Citicorp 6½ 1980	95½	95¾
Citicorp 7 1981	94¼	95
DFC New Zealand 8¾ 1983	97¾	98¼
DFC New Zealand 8½ 1985	95¾	96¼
Dow Chemical 8 1986	94½	95
EEC 7½ 1979	98½	98¾
EEC 8¼ 1982	97¼	97¾
EIB 8 1984	95½	96
EIB 9½ 1993	98½	99½
Elf-Aquitaine 8¾ 1985	93½	93¾
Eurofima 8½ 1988	95½	96¼
ICI Industries 9 1985	98½	99
ITEL 9¼ 1988	[illegible]	99½
IU 8½ 1987	95¼	95¾
MacMillan Bloedel 9¼ 1993	98	98½
Midland Bank 8¾ 1992	96½	97¼
NCB 8 1987	95½	95¾
Nat West 9 1986	101¼	101¾
New Zealand Forest Products 9 1986	98¾	99¼
Newfoundland 9½ 1990	99½	99¾
Nordic Invest Bank 8¾ 1988	97¼	97¾
Norsk Hydro 7¾ 1982	95½	95¾
Norway 7¾ 1983	95¼	95¾
Offshore Mining 8¾ 1985	95½	96¼
Occidental 8½ 1983	96	96½
J C Penney 8½ 1983	98¾	99¼
Quebec Hydro 10 1995	99½	100
Renault 8¾ 1981	98¼	98¾
R J Reynolds 7½ 1982	96¾	97¼
Shell 8½ 1990	95¼	95¾
Tauernautobahn 8½ 1987	97	97½

CANADIAN DOLLARS

	Bid	Offer
Avco 9½ 1983	96½	97½
Ford 8½ 1984	95¼	96¼
General Motors 9½ 1988	98	98½
Royal Bank of Canada 9 1992	98½	98¾
Union Carbide 9½ 1986	98½	99

FLOATING RATE NOTES

	Bid	Offer
Chase Manhattan 9 15.16 1993	97¾	98¼
Intl Westminster 8 1984	99¼	99¾
Midland 9 7 16 1993	98½	99
Offshore Mining 9 7 16 1986	98¾	99¼
Williams & Glyns 9¼ 1984	99½	100

US $ CONVERTIBLES

	Bid	Offer
American Express 4¼ 1987	82½	84
Babcock & Wilcox 7 1993	130	131
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	99½	101
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	114½	116
Beecham 6½ 1992	117	118
Boots 6½ 1993	100½	101½
Borden 5 1992	96½	98
Broadway Hale 4½ 1987	74½	75½
Carnation 5 1988	76½	78
Dart 4½ 1987	83½	85
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	86½	88
Economic Labs 4½ 1987	80½	82
Firestone 5 1988	75½	77
Ford 5 1988	84	85½
General Electric 4¼ 1987	85½	87
Gillette 4¾ 1987	76½	78
Gulf & Western 5 1988	87½	89
Harris 5 1992	230	232
Honeywell 6 1986	86	87½
ICI 6¾ 1992	96¼	97¼
INA 6 1997	96½	98
Inchcape 6¾ 1992	113½	115
ITT 4½ 1987	77½	79
Jusco 6 1992	143½	146½
Komatsu 7½ 1990	148½	140½
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	157	159
Nabisco 5½ 1988	104	105½
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	117½	119
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	75½	77
Revlon 4½ 1987	130	131½
Reynolds Metal 5 1988	86	87½
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1987	97	98½
Squibb 4¼ 1987	82	83½
Texaco 4½ 1988	76½	78
Texas Int Airlines 7½ 1993	98½	99½
Toshiba 6½ 1992	158½	159½
Tyco 9½ 1988	104½	105½
Union Carbide 4½ 1982	88	89½
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	81½	83
Warner Lambert 4½ 1988	75½	77
Xerox 5 1988	75½	77

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited.

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Audiotronic 12% Cum Pfd (10)	14
Bramall C.D. 25p Ord (75)	86+1½
Camden 12% Red 1995 (£100)	£50½-½
Carliers Superfoods 20p Ord (55)	64+1
Dufay 10% Cns	4 prem
Hunting Petroleum Serv 25p Ord (85)	89-1
Jones (Ernest) 10p Ord (115)	162-2
Thames Plywood 25p Ord (34)	36

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Baron Hand (R20)	Oct 13	7 prem
Bell Print (44)	Nov 10	9 prem-1
C F Des Petroles (£10)		20 prem
Dalgety (265)	Nov 17	32 prem
Holland Smith (75)	Oct 12	2 prem-1
Howden Gp (58)	Nov 10	22 prem+3
Lon and Midland (65)	Oct 27	16 prem
Palmerston (40)	Oct 27	25 prem+2
Reliance Knitwear (22)	Oct 6	4½ prem
Weatwell (25)	Nov 6	11 prem+1½

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. + Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 paid. c £15 paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g £35 paid.

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	10%
Barclays Bank	10%
BCCI Bank	10%
Consolidated Crdts	10%
C Hoare & Co	*10%
Lloyds Bank	10%
London Mercantile	10%
Midland Bank	10%
Nat Westminster	10%
Rossminster	10%
TSB	10%
Williams and Glyn's	10%

* 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 6½%, up to £25,000, 7¼%, over £25,000 7¾%.

Tin prices fall as US Bill passes House

Tin prices fell sharply on the London market yesterday following approval by the United States House of Representatives of the tin Bill authorizing a contribution of 5,000 long tons of tin to the International Tin Council's buffer stock and approving direct sales of a further 30,000 long tons.

Standard cash ended the day £162.50 per tonne down at £6,870 and three months was £135 down at £6,737.50. High grade fell by £162.50 and £115 per tonne.

Commodities

TIN.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £6,865-75 a metric ton; three months, £6,735-40. Sales, 250 tons. High grade, cash, £6,865-75; three months, £6,755-75. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash £6,870-80; three months, £6,730-45. Settlement, £6,880. Sales, 750 tons. High grade, cash, £6,870-80; three months, £6,750-55. Settlement, £6,880. Sales, 10 tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M1,860 a picul.

COPPER was quiet.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £735-35.50 a metric ton; three months, £752.50-53.00. Sales, 1,100. Cash cathodes, £725-24.50; three months, £742-45. Sales, 300 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £736.50-37.00; three months, £754.50-55.00. Settlement, £737. Sales, 6,000 tons. Cash cathodes, £723.50-24.50; three months, £743-43.50. Settlement, £724.50. Sales, 1,225 tons.

SILVER lost 2p in the ring. Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 288.65p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 573.0c); three months, 296.5p (583.0c); six months, 305.85p (595.7c); one year 319.5p (616.8c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 288-88.2p; three months 295.5-95.5p. Sales, 57 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 289.6-89.7p; three months, 296.6-97.0p. Settlement, 289.9p. Sales, 30 lots.

LEAD was very steady. Afternoon.—Cash, £363-363 per metric ton; three months, £370-70.50. Sales, 775 tons. Morning.—Cash, £362.50-63.00; three months, £368.75-69.00. Settlement, £363. Sales, 3,300 tons.

ZINC: Cash gained £6 and three months put on £5.75.—Afternoon: Cash, £332.50-33.00 a metric ton; three months, £342.50-43.00. Sales, 5,000 tons. Morning.—Cash, £331.50-32.00; three months, £341.50-42.00. Settlement, £332. Sales, 4,500 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at £145.05 ($283) a troy ounce.

RUBBER steady (pence per kilo).—Nov, 62.20-62.50; Dec, 63-63.20; Jan-March, 64.50-64.55; April-June, 67-67.05; July-Sept, 69.05-69.10; Oct-Dec, 71.10-71.15; Jan-March, 73.10-73.15; April-June, 75.05-75.10; July-Sept, 77.10-77.15. Sales, 474 lots at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quiet.—Spot, 61-62. Cifs, Nov, 62-62.50; Dec, 63-63.50.

COFFEE: Robustas were easier; arabicas were dull.—ROBUSTAS (£ per metric ton): Sept, 1,630-28; Nov, 1,512-14; Jan, 1,439-40; March, 1,380-85; May, 1,301-04; July, 1,275-80; Sept, 1,245-60. Sales: 3,249 lots including 33 options.

COCOA was easier (£ per metric ton).—Sept, 1,960-70; Dec, 1,988-89; March, 2,001.50-2,003.00; May, 2,010-11.0; July, 1,991-95; Sept, 1,967-70; Dec 1,915-20. Sales, 3,268 lots including 18 options. ICCO prices: daily, 174.58c; 15-day average, 171.02c; 22-day average, 166.37 (US cents per lb).

SUGAR: The London daily price of "raws" was £4 higher at £107; the "whites" price was £1 higher at £111. Futures were steady (£ per metric ton).—Oct, 111-11.20; Dec, 112.65-12.75; March, 117.50-17.60; May, 119.50-19.55; Aug, 122.65-22.95; Oct, 125.40-26.00; Dec, 129-29.75. Sales: 5,192 lots. ISA prices: 8.29c; 15-day average 8.09.

SOYABEAN MEAL was irregular (£ per metric ton).—Oct, 112.50-13.00; Dec, 114-14.20; Feb, 115.60-15.80; April, 117-17.40; June, 117.60-18.50; Aug, 117-20; Oct, 118-21.50. Sales: 19 lots.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: Sept, £92.25 Tilbury. United States dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Sept-Oct, £83.25; Nov, £84.25; Dec, £86 trans-shipment east coast. United States hard winter 13½ per cent: Oct, £83.50; Nov, £84.50 trans-shipment east coast. EEC milling: Sept, £97.50; Oct, £98.50 quoted east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French: Sept-Oct, £101.50; Nov, £99; Dec, £99.50 trans-shipment east coast. South African white: Sept-Oct, £61 Glasgow. South African yellow: Sept-Oct, £61 Glasgow.

BARLEY.—English feed fob: Sept, £78.50; Oct, £80 east coast. All per tonne, cif United Kingdom unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin.—BARLEY was barely steady: Nov, £79.65; Jan, £82.45; March, £84.85; May, £87.30. Sales, 175 lots. WHEAT was barely steady: Nov, £87.15; Jan, £89.80; March, £92.30; May, £94.90. Sales, 168 lots.

Home-Grown Cereals Authority.—Location ex-farm spot prices.—

	Other milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
N E England	£84.90	£82.60	£73.10
Berks, Oxon	—	£80.30	£75.80

Meat commission: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 26.—GB: Cattle 66.87p per KG LW (—0.86). UK: Sheep 135.1p per KG SST DCW (—6.0). GB: Pigs 66.0p per KG LW (+0.6).

England and Wales: Cattle numbers up 10.6 per cent, average price 66.07p (—0.99). Sheep numbers up 14.6 per cent, average price 135.2p (—6.1). Pig numbers down 5.5 per cent, average price 65.1p (+0.7).

Scotland: Cattle numbers down 2.2 per cent, average price 70.45p (+0.69). Sheep numbers down 4.5 per cent, average price 125.9p (—6.2). Pig numbers up 0.5 per cent, average price 64.0p (no change).

EGGS (The London Egg Exchange).—For home-produced most sizes readily available. Market has not responded to the recent price increase. Home-produced market prices (in £ per 120, based on trading packer first-hand):

	Wed Thur/Fri	Mon Tues
White		
1's	4.00 to 4.40	4.00 to 4.40
2's	3.80 to 4.20	3.70 to 4.10
3's	3.20 to 3.60	3.20 to 3.50
4's	3.00 to 3.30	3.00 to 3.30
5's	2.30 to 2.40	2.10 to 2.40
6's	1.80 to 2.00	1.70 to 2.00
7's	1.40 to 1.60	1.35 to 1.50
Brown		
1's	5.00 to 5.20	5.00 to 5.20
2's	4.50 to 4.70	4.50 to 4.70
3's	3.60 to 3.85	3.60 to 3.80
4's	3.30 to 3.50	3.20 to 3.45

All prices quoted are for bulk delivery in Keyes trays. The above range is a guide to general market conditions and is dependent upon location, quantity and whether delivered or not.

TEA.—The offering of 52,031 packages at the weekly auction met a good demand. Assams were very irregular with selected lines again well above broker's valuation. Africans generally lost 4p to 6p per kilo except for selected bright liquoring lines which were firm to dearer. Competition was again limited for tea from Sri Lanka particularly towards the close. Orange Pekoes were irregularly dearer depending on leaf appearance. Plain liquoring broken orange Pekoe fannings were often neglected but brighter sorts sold at around last rates. There was quite a good demand for south Indian teas with prices showing little change on previous week's levels.

Wall Street

New York, Sept 26.—The New York stock market rallied today, assisted by encouraging remarks on the longer term trade outlook from Mr Michael Blumenthal, Treasury Secretary.

The Dow Jones industrial *average gained* 5.81 points to 863.16. About 1,000 issues advanced, with some 455 lower.

Volume totalled 26,380,000 shares, compared with 20,970,000 on Monday.

Mr. Blumenthal said that the United States economy will gain at a slower rate in 1979 but "we do not foresee a recession." He also said America is moving steadily in the direction of reducing its big current-accounts payments deficits and forecast an improvement next year. The reduction should help stabilize the dollar, he added.

	Sept 26	Sept 25
Allied Chem	36	35¾
Allied Stores	29¼	29½
Allied Supermkt	2⅝	2⅝
Allis Chalmers	34⅞	34⅝
Alcoa	45½	45¼
Amax Inc	49⅛	49
Amerada Hess	32	31¾
Am Airlines	17	16
Am Brands	51	50¾
Am Broadcast	57⅞	57⅛
Am Can	38½	38¾
Am Cyanamid	29½	29¼
Am Elec Power	23¼	23⅛
Am Home	30	29⅞
Am Motors	6	6¼
Am Nat Res	45¾	45½
Am Standard	46½	46¾
Am Telephone	61⅛	60⅞
AMF Inc	21	20½
Armco Steel	20⅛	19¾
Asarco	15½	15¼
Ashland Oil	45¾	44½
Atlantic Richfield	53¾	51⅞
Avco	29½	29
Avon Products	55⅞	56¼
Babcock & Wcox	59⅝	60⅛
Bankers Tst NY	36⅛	36⅛
Bank of America	27⅛	27¼
Bank of NY	35⅛	35⅛
Beatrice Foods	25½	25½
Bell & Howell	20⅛	20⅛
Bendix	39½	39½
Bethlehem Steel	22½	22¼
Boeing	64¼	64½
Boise Cascade	31⅝	30⅞
Borden	29⅝	30
Borg Warner	32	31½
Bristol Myers	35⅝	34½
BP	17½	17½
Burlington Ind	19½	20
Burlington Nthn	43⅞	43¾
Burroughs	77¼	77¼
Campbell Soup	36	36
Canadian Pacific	19¾	19¾
Caterpillar	59⅝	59⅛
Celanese	45¼	44
Central Sova	14½	14½
Charter NY	32⅝	32½
Chase Manhat	33½	33
Chem Bank NY	41⅞	41¾
Chesapeake Ohio	29⅛	28⅞
Chrysler	12	12
Citicorp	26⅛	26⅛
Cities Service	53½	53⅝
Clark Equip	37¼	36¾
Coca Cola	43⅝	43⅛
Colgate	20⅝	20⅝
CBS	57⅛	57
Columbia Gas	28	28⅛
Combustion Eng	39⅞	39⅝
Comwlth Edison	29⅝	29½
Cons Edison	24⅛	24⅛
Cons Foods	24	24⅛
Cons Power	23⅝	23⅝
Continental Grp	31½	31¾
Continental Oil	29⅝	29
Control Data	38⅛	38⅝
Corning Glass	58⅞	59⅛
CPC Intnl	51	50½
Crane	33	32⅞
Crocker Int	26⅞	26½
Crown Zeller	34⅞	33⅞
Dart Ind	44⅝	44¼
Deere	35	35¼
Del Monte	44	38⅞
Delta Air	50¼	49
Detroit Edison	15⅛	16
Disney	41⅝	40⅝
Dow Chemical	27⅝	28
Dresser Ind	44	43⅞
Duke Power	19⅝	20
Du Pont	125⅞	125⅞
Eastern Air	13⅞	13⅜
Eastman Kodak	62¼	62
Eaton Corp	39⅛	39⅞
El Paso Nat Gas	17½	17⅛
Equitable Life	20⅞	20⅛
Esmark	27¼	27⅛
Evans P. D.	22⅝	22
Exxon Corp	51⅞	50⅞
Fed Dept Stores	36⅛	35¾
Firestone	13½	13⅛
Fst Chicago	22⅝	22⅝
Fst Nat Boston	30½	30⅞
Fst Penn Corp	15¾	15⅞
Ford	45⅛	45⅝
GAF Corp	14⅛	13⅞
Gamble Skogmo	33½	33⅝
Gen Dynamics	83⅛	82⅞
Gen Electric	53⅛	52½
Gen Foods	33⅛	33⅝
Gen Mills	30⅛	29⅝
Gen Motors	62⅞	62½
Gen Pub Util NY	19⅛	19⅝
Gen Tel Elec	30⅛	30
Gen Tire	26⅛	26⅞
Genesco	6	6
Georgia Pacific	29⅛	29½
Getty Oil	40	39⅞
Gillette	31⅛	31⅛
Goodrich	20⅛	20⅛
Goodyear	17⅛	17
Gould Inc	31⅝	31
Grace	29⅛	29½
Gt Atlic & Pacific	7⅛	7⅛
Greyhound	13½	13½
Grumman Corp	19⅞	19⅞
Gulf Oil	25⅝	25½
Gulf & West	14⅛	14⅛
Heinz H. J.	41⅞	41½
Hercules	16½	16½
Honeywell	65⅝	65⅝
IC Inds	30	29
Ingersoll	60⅛	60⅛
Inland Steel	37½	37⅛
IBM	281	279½
Int Harvester	40⅛	40⅛
INCO	16¼	16⅛
Int Paper	44⅝	44⅛
Int Tel Tel	31⅛	31⅛
Jewel Co	23	23⅛
Jim Walter	32	31¾
Johns-Manville	31⅝	31¼
Johnson & John	82⅝	82⅝
Kaiser Alumin	35	34⅞
Kennecott	23⅝	23⅛
Kerr McGee	49⅛	47
Kimberly Clark	45⅛	44⅝
Kraftco Corp	48⅛	48½
K Mart	27⅝	26⅝
Kroger	33	32
Liggett Group	34⅛	34⅛
LTV Corp	10⅛	9⅝
Litton	22½	22⅛
Lockheed	24½	24½
Lucky Stores	16⅛	16⅛
Manuf Hanover	38⅛	38
Mapco	34⅛	34⅛
Marathon Oil	52⅛	51⅛
Marine Midland	16⅛	16⅛
Martin Marietta	32⅛	32⅛
McDonnell	31⅝	31⅝
Mead	31⅛	30⅝
Memorex	51⅛	51⅛
Merck	58⅛	56½
Minnesota Mng	59⅝	59⅛
Mobil Oil	70	69⅛
Monsanto	57⅝	56⅝
Morgan J. P.	47⅞	47⅞
Motorola	45⅛	45⅛
NCR Corp	60⅛	60
NL Industries	21	21⅛
Nabisco	25⅝	26¼
Nat Distillers	21⅝	21⅝
Nat Steel	31	30⅛
Norfolk West	25⅛	26⅛
NW Bancorp	25	25
Norton Simon	19⅛	19½
Occidental Pet	19⅛	19⅛
Ogden	30⅛	30⅛
Olin Corp	16	15½
Owens-Illinois	21½	21⅝
Pacific Gas Elec	23⅛	23½
Pan Am	8⅛	8
Penney J. C.	37⅝	37⅛
Pennzoil	31⅝	31⅝
Pepsico	29⅝	28⅞
Pet Inc	54⅛	54⅛
Pfizer	36⅛	36⅛
Phelps Dodge	25⅛	23⅛
Philip Morris	73⅝	73⅞
Phillips Petrol	35	33⅞
Polaroid	49⅛	50⅛
PPG Ind	30⅛	30⅛
Proctor Gamble	87⅝	87⅝
Pub Ser El & Gas	23⅛	23⅛
Pullman	44	44⅛
Rapid American	15⅛	15
Raytheon	48	47⅛
RCA Corp	29⅝	29⅛
Republic Steel	25⅛	25⅛
Reynolds Ind	61⅝	61⅛
Reynolds Metal	35½	35⅛
Rockwell Int	35½	35⅛
Royal Dutch	63⅛	62⅝
Safeways	43⅛	43⅛
St Regis Paper	32⅛	31⅝
Santa Fe Ind	35	34⅛
SCM	21⅝	21⅞
Schlumberger	89⅛	87⅝
Scott Paper	16	16
Seaboard Coast	34⅛	33⅞
Seagram	26⅛	25⅛
Sears Roebuck	23⅛	22⅞
Shell Oil	36⅛	35⅛
Shell Trans	46⅛	46⅛
Signal Co	31⅞	31
Singer	17	17⅛
Sony	7⅛	7
Sth Cal Edison	28⅛	29⅛
Southern Pacific	31⅛	31⅛
Southern Rly	54⅛	54
Sperry Rand	44⅛	44½
Std Brands	27⅛	27⅛
Std Oil California	46⅛	46
Std Oil Indiana	55⅛	55⅛
Std Oil Ohio	36⅛	36⅛
Sterling Drug	16⅛	16⅛
Stevens J. P.	16⅛	16⅛
Stude Worth	62⅛	61⅝
Sunbeam Corp	23⅛	23⅛
Sun Comp	43⅝	43⅛
Teledyne	100⅛	98¼
Tenneco	31⅛	31⅛
Texaco	24⅛	24⅛
Texas East Corp	38⅛	38⅛
Texas Inst	86⅛	86⅛
Texas Utilities	20⅛	20⅛
Textron	30⅛	30⅛
TWA	22⅛	22⅛
Travelers Corp	38⅛	38⅛
TRW Inc	38⅛	38⅛
UAL Inc	38⅛	38
Unilever Ltd	46	45
Unilever NV	59⅛	59⅛
Union Bancorp	26⅛	26⅛
Union Carbide	39⅛	39⅛
Union Oil Calif	53⅛	52⅛
Un Pacific Corp	51⅛	51
Uniroyal	7⅛	7⅛
United Brands	13⅛	13⅛
US Industries	8⅛	8⅛
US Steel	26⅛	26⅛
Utd Technol	43⅛	43⅛
Wachovia	19⅛	19
Warner Comm	48⅛	48⅛
Warner Lambert	27⅛	27⅛
Wells Fargo	28⅛	28⅛
West'n Bancorp	31⅛	31⅛
Westinghse Elec	21⅛	21⅛
Weyerhauser	32⅛	32⅛
Whirlpool	22⅛	22⅛
White Motor	12⅛	12⅛
Woolworth	20⅛	20⅛
Xerox Corp	54⅛	54⅛
Zenith	16⅛	16⅛

Canadian Prices

	Sept 26	Sept 25
Abitibi	17⅛	17⅛
Alcan Alumin	36⅛	36⅛
Algoma Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell Telephone	61⅛	61
Cominco	31⅛	31⅛
Cons Bathurst	34⅛	34⅛
Falconbridge	30⅛	30
Gulf Oil	33	33
Hawker Sid Can	8⅛	8⅛
Hudson Bay Min	20⅛	20⅛
Hudson Bay Oil	42	42
Imasco	36	36
Imperial Oil	23⅛	23⅛
Int Pipe	17⅛	17⅛
Mass-Fergsn	13⅛	13⅛
Royal Trust	19	19
Seagram	31⅛	31⅛
Steel Co	30⅛	30⅛
Talcorp	11	11
Thomson N 'A'	14⅛	14⅛
Walker Hiram	36⅛	36⅛
WCT	11⅛	11⅛

*Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.9665 (1.9800); three months, 1.9489 (1.9627); Canadian dollar, 84.96 (84.97).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was 377.15. The futures index was 377.31.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 686.16 (860.36); transportation, 245.42 (242.35); utilities, 106.09 (105.78); 65 stocks, 307.33 (299.03). New York Stock Exchange index, 57.81 (57.38); industrials, 63.29 (62.78); transportation, 49.01 (48.57); utilities, 39.75 (39.63); financial, 62.18 (61.90).

Coffee dips 1.95c

New York, Sept 26.—COFFEE futures closed 1.95 to 0.75 cents lower after declining fairly steadily from the early highs. Speculative selling *this afternoon accelerated* the decline. Dec, 150.75-1.00c; March, 140.25-50c; May, 135.00 c; July, 128.00-30c; Sept, 126.00-50c; Dec, 121.00-40c.

COCOA futures closed slightly above the lows with losses of 2.50 to 1.50 cents. Dec, 171.00c; March, 169.50c; May, 168.10c; July, 166.00c; Sept, 165.60c; Dec, 159.80c.

SUGAR futures in No 11 contract were: Oct, 8.63-65c; Jan, 8.85-90c; March, 9.02-04c; May, 9.22c; July, 9.38-39c; Sept, 9.54-56c; Oct, 9.61-65c; Jan, 9.50-80c.

COTTON futures were: Oct, 62.61-70c; Dec, 64.75-80c; March, 67.01c; May, 68.00c; July, 68.26-30c; Oct, 65.35-50c; Dec, 65.47c; March, 66.15-25c.

SILVER. Closing losses averaged 3.50 cents with settlements 8.00 *cents under* the highs. Sept, 562.50c; Oct, 562.50c; Nov, 566.50c; Dec, 570.50c; Jan, 572.50c; March, 583.00c; May, 591.80c; July, 600.80c; Sept, 609.90c; Dec, 624.10c; Jan, 628.90c; March, 638.30c; May, 648.20c; July, 658.00c. Handy and Harman of Canada. Can $6.665 (previous Can $6.710).

GOLD. Prices fell in New York as the *dollar gained in late currency dealings.* Near the close, the spot gold price for London delivery slid to $215.70-216.20 from $217.50-218 Monday. NY COMEX. Sept, $216.50; Oct, $216.50; Nov, $218.00; Dec, $219.70; Feb, $223.20; April, $226.80; June, $230.40; Aug, $234.00; Oct, $237.70; Dec, $241.40; Feb, $245.20; April, $249.00; June, $252.80. CHICAGO IMM. Dec, $219.80-220.00; March, $225.30-225.10; June, $230.60-230.80; Sept, $236.50 bid; Dec, $241.80; March, $247.50 asked; June, $252.50.

COPPER futures closed mixed between 5 to 10 points up and 5 to 15 points down. Sept, 65.40c; Oct, 65.30c; Nov, 65.85c; Dec, 66.45c; Jan, 66.95c; March, 67.95c; May, 68.90c; July, 69.80c; Sept, 70.65c; Dec, 71.80c; Jan, 72.30c; March, 72.95c; May, 73.70c; July, 74.45c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. Good mixed buying propelled oil futures 0.60 to 0.40 cents a lb higher. Meal futures closed off $0.20 to $0.50 a ton. SOYABEANS. Nov 645½-44¾c; Jan 655½-63c; March 660¾-62c; May 666-66½c; July 667-67½c; Aug 661-61½c. SOYABEAN OIL. Oct 25.35-40c; Dec 24.75-70c; Jan 24.40-60c; March 24.30c; May 24.10-15c; July 23.98-24c; Aug 23.60c. SOYABEAN MEAL. Oct $168.60-8.50; Dec, $171.80-2.00; Jan, $173.20-3.30; March, $175.00-5.10; May, $176.10-6.40; July, $177.10; Aug, $177.30. CHICAGO GRAINS. WHEAT. Dec 341¼-½c; March 336-36½c; May 331¾-½c; July 320c; Sept 323c nominal; Dec 329c. CORN. Dec 231-20¾c; March 250¼-¼c; May 256¼-¼c; July 259¼c; Sept 241¼-41c; Dec 245c. OATS. Dec 143¾c; March, 149¾c; May, 151¼c; July, 151¼c nominal.

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The Over-the-Counter Market

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
71	29	Airsprung Ord	70	—	5.5	7.8	9.2
203	106	Airsprung 18% ULS	190	−5	18.5	9.7	—
46	25	Armitage & Rhodes	46	+1	3.6	7.8	8.3
180	105	Bardon Hill	178	−2	12.0	6.7	9.7
143	51	Deborah Ord	141	—	5.6	3.9	8.7
240	108	Deborah 17½% CULS	240	—	17.5	7.2	—
147	120	Frederick Parker	131	—	12.4	9.4	5.2
154	135	George Blair	154	+1	15.0	9.7	5.7
58	36	Jackson Group	57	+2	5.0	8.7	6.7
116	55	James Burrough	115	—	6.5	5.7	10.6
340	188	Robert Jenkins	310	—	29.7	9.6	5.1
24	9	Twinlock Ord	21	+½	—	—	18.8
80	54	Twinlock 12% ULS	80	+2	12.0	15.0	—
85	54	Unilock Holdings	87	+2	7.4	8.5	9.3
120	67	Walter Alexander	120	—	7.2	6.0	7.4

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Highlights from the Annual Report for the year ended 31st March, 1978.

* Turnover £13,695,000—up 46%
* Pre-tax profit £1,303,000—up 30%
* Successful rights issue
* Acquisition of Blackheath Engineering Co. Ltd. and R. & A. G. Crossland Ltd.
* Progress made in each of the sub-groups.
* Further substantial investment in new plant and machinery.

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Foreign Exchange

In highly volatile trading yesterday the dollar swung widely before finally closing with net gains over the stronger currencies.

It opened firmer but by mid session had fallen sharply as selling pressure built up and some *central banks' intervention* was noted. It was also believed that the Fed had taken a hand, particularly when the Swiss franc went to yet another "high" of 1.4410-30, before back-pedalling sharply to end at 1.4845 (overnight 1.4910).

The pound see-sawed with the dollar, although the Ford dispute remained a drag on sentiment. It closed at $1.9715 dollars (40 pts lower than Monday night's $1.9755. The currency basket average ended 0.1 easier at 62.7. Elsewhere, the yen closed at 189.10 (187.60).

Gold lost $2.50 an ounce to close in London at $217.375.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) September 26	Market rates (close) September 26
New York	$1.9675-9875	$1.9710-9720
Montreal	$2.3200-3400	$2.3205-3215
Amsterdam	4.16-18fl	4.17¼-18¼fl
Brussels	60.30-85f	60.40-50f
Copenhagen	10.58-65k	10.59½-60½k
Frankfurt	3.82-89¼m	3.83¼-84¼m
Lisbon	88.50-89.70e	88.80-89.10e
Madrid	142.70-143.80p	142.70-80p
Milan	1622-36lr	1622½-23¼lr
Oslo	10.15-18k	10.16¼-17¼k
Paris	8.58-66f	8.61¼-62¼f
Stockholm	8.67½-71k	8.68-69k
Tokyo	370-78y	372½-74½y
Vienna	27.70-88sch	27.80-85sch
Zurich	2.88-97f	2.92¼-93¼f

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, 1971, was 62.7, down 0.1.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.75-.65c prem	1.83-1.73c prem
Montreal	.95-.85c prem	2.25-2.15c prem
Amsterdam	2½-1½c prem	5½-4½c prem
Brussels	25-15c prem	65-55c prem
Copenhagen	par-2ore disc	3-5ore disc
Frankfurt	3½-2½pf prem	9½-8½pf prem
Lisbon	50-150c disc	200-450c disc
Madrid	25-125c disc	150-250c disc
Milan	4½-6½lr disc	12-18lr disc
Oslo	2ore prem-par	4½-2½ore prem
Paris	3½-4½c prem	8½-7½c prem
Stockholm	4-2ore prem	10-8ore prem
Vienna	17-7gro prem	40-30gro prem
Zurich	3½-2½c prem	9½-8½c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), 30.8490-83.

Euro-$ Deposits

(%) calls, 8¼-8¾; seven days, 8¼-8¾; one month, 9-9¼; three months, 9¼-9½; six months, 9¾-10.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $219.15 (an ounce); pm, $218.25.

Krugerrand (per coin: non-resident, $225¼-226¼ (£113¾-114¼); resident, $225¾-227¾ (£114¼-115¼).

Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $60-62 (£30½-31½); resident, $62¼-63¼ (£31¾-32¼).

Discount market

Credit conditions proved less difficult than was anticipated yesterday in view of the £400m odd that was due to be repaid to the Bank of England in the form of special deposits released at the end of July. However, the Bank still gave an extremely large amount of help, although this was probably overdone to some extent. The assistance took the form of purchases of a very large amount of Treasury bills and a moderate quantity of corporation bills directly from the houses.

Rates eased gradually through the day as the size of the shortage was reduced and as it became clear the houses were not prepared to pay up for money. Although overnight money in the interbank market brushed 10 per cent briefly, houses kept their bids in the region of 8¾ per cent for the most part, and were taking final balances anywhere between 5 and 6 per cent.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 10% (Last changed 8/6/78)

Clearing Banks Base Rate 10%

Discount Mkt Loans%

Overnight: High 8¾ Low 5

Week Fixed: 8¾-8¾

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9⅝	2 months	8⅞
3 months	9	3 months	8⅞

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	9⅛-8⅞	3 months	9¼
3 months	9⅛-9⅛	4 months	9⅝
4 months	9⅛-9⅛	6 months	9¾
6 months	9⅛-9⅛		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	9¼-9⅛	7 months	9⅞-9¾
2 months	9⅛-9⅛	8 months	9⅞-9¾
3 months	9⅛-9⅛	9 months	10⅛-9⅞
4 months	9⅛-9⅛	10 months	10⅛-9⅞
5 months	9⅛-9⅛	11 months	10⅛-9⅞
6 months	9⅛-9⅛	12 months	10⅛-9⅞

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	9⅛-8⅞	6 months	9⅞-9¾
3 months	9⅛-9⅛	12 months	9⅞-9¾

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	9¼-8¾	3 months	9⅝
7 days	9⅛-8⅞	6 months	9⅞
1 month	9⅛	1 year	10

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 9¾ Close 4

1 week	9¼-9	6 months	10-9⅞
1 month	9⅛-9⅛	9 months	10⅛-10
3 months	9⅛-9⅛	12 months	10⅛-10⅛

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)

3 months 9⅞ 6 months 10⅛

Finance House Base Rate 10%

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Turnover for year to March 31, £5.2m (£3.4m). Pre-tax profit, £59,000 (loss £44,000). Earnings a share, 6.7p (deficit 6.19p).

GENERAL & COMMERCIAL INV

Net earnings for half year to August 31 were £191,100 (£166,600). Earnings a share 3.69p (3.12p). Interim dividend 3.87p gross (2.98p gross).

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1977/78 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
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Stock Exchange Prices

Many small gains

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Sept 18. Dealings End, Sept 29. § Contango Day, Oct 2. Settlement Day, Oct 10.

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COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

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1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
122	77	AAH	110	-1	9.3	8.5	7.7
42	25	AG Cars	40	..	1.4	3.6	3.4
162	39½	AGB Research	144	-2	5.2	3.6	16.6
257	134	APV Hldgs	247	-2	8.7	3.5	9.1
79¼	45¾	Aaronson Bros	71	-1	5.3	7.5	7.2
138	62	Acrow	134	-2	3.8	2.9	11.1
111	82	Do A	110	..	3.8	3.5	9.1
54	11	Adda Int	50	..	1.0	2.0	8.2
310	150	Adwest Group	302	-1	15.2	5.0	8.5
130	34	Aaron't & Gen	115	-2	3.9	3.4	13.0
62	42	Airfix Ind	55	+1	4.9	8.9	5.2
166	147	Alcan Ord	162	● +2	15.0b	9.3	5.1
303	205	Alginate Ind	275	..	21.2	7.7	8.9
77	44	Allen E. Balfour	52	..	6.6	12.6	9.3
58	35½	Allen W. G.	53	..	4.3	8.2	4.3
100¾	44½	Allied Colloids	82	-1	2.6	3.1	15.1
74	43	Allied Insulators	67	+1	6.5	9.7	5.1
17	7½	Allied Plant	16	..	1.1	6.7	7.0
79	19	Alpine Hldgs	77	-1	3.8	4.9	19.8
352	210	Amal Metal	323	..	24.7	7.7	13.1
171	97¼	Amal Power	183	+1	8.0	4.9	4.3
48½	21	Amber Day	46½	..	3.0	6.5	6.7
28	8	Amber Ind Hldgs	28	..	0.8	3.0	4.8
96	41	Anchor Chem	76	..	6.3	8.2	4.9
71	28½	Anderson Strath	66½	-1½	4.0	5.9	7.7
95	48½	Anglia TV 'A'	93	+1	6.7	7.2	6.5
640	390	Anglo Amer Ind	560	● ..	43.1	7.7	6.9
42	22	Ang Swiss Hldgs	36	..	..	..	..
105	49	Applevard	85	..	9.5	10.8	7.3
51½	18½	Aquascutum 'A'	51½	..	2.3	4.5	10.8
137	66¾	Arlington Mtr	114	..	11.7	10.2	4.5
77½	38	Armitage Shanks	71	..	6.5	9.2	12.4
73	39	Armst Equip	56	..	3.2	5.4	10.1
94	55¾	Ass Biscuit	81	..	4.8	5.9	3.5
260	85	Ass Book	255	+5	6.1	2.4	8.4
78	48	Ass Brit Food	73	..	3.5	4.8	7.5
142	82	Ass Engineer	117	+2	7.9	6.8	6.1
71	36	Ass Fisheries	43	..	..	..	..
71½	26½	Ass Leisure	69½	-½	4.6	6.6	6.8
195	121	Ass News	187	..	8.7	4.7	8.3
68	30	Ass Paper	60	..	4.6	7.6	6.4
130	68½	Ass Tel 'A'	119	..	10.0	8.4	7.1
44	23	Ass Tooling	43	..	3.9	9.0	19.8
69	23	Astbury & Mdley	69	● ..	3.0a	4.4	6.1
58	27	Atkins Bros	54	..	5.6	10.3	6.0
43	17	Audiotronic	23	..	0.3	1.1	..
42	22	Ault & Wiborg	40½	..	3.1	7.8	8.2
101	56	Aurora Hldgs	95	..	8.2	8.7	4.4
102	30	Austin E.	102	..	5.8	5.7	4.6
90½	30	Automotive Pd	76	..	2.2	2.9	7.9
36	14½	Avana Grp	35½	+1½	1.7	3.0	10.1
197	113	Averys	197	+2	8.8	4.5	11.5
225	74	Avon Rubber	217	..	14.1	6.5	3.2
347	235	B.A.T. Ind	312	+2	22.6	7.2	5.7
304	203	Do Dfd	272	+2	..	..	..
68	39	BBA Grp	59	..	3.8	6.4	6.0
124	71	BET Dfd	116	● -1	8.8	7.6	8.8
144	87	BICC	134	-3	11.1	8.1	11.7
28	20	BL Ltd	23	-1	..	..	..
82	61	BOC Int	75	-1	5.3	7.1	5.4
278	111	BPB Ind	250	+2	11.6	4.6	5.5
58	24	BPM Hldgs 'A'	56	-1	4.3a	7.5	6.9
45	17½	BSG Int	41	..	3.2	7.9	3.9
151	84	BSR Ltd	98	● ..	7.5	7.6	6.6
329	149½	BTR Ltd	329	-2	16.7	5.1	11.3
150	70	Babcock & W	148	● +2	8.8	6.0	7.3
36	21	Baggeridge Brk	34	..	3.5	10.4	10.5
8¾	3	Bailey C.H. Ord	5½	..	0.3	5.4	43.2
194	93	Baird W.	177	..	14.9	8.4	5.8
122	66	Baker Perkins	120	-2	6.5	5.4	4.0
85	29½	Bambergers	80	+2	4.9	6.1	12.7
141	74	Bambers Stores	139	..	2.3	1.7	10.5
75	28¼	Barro Cons	73	+5	3.4	4.3	9.6
16	3½	Barker & Dbson	13	+½	..e	..	36.1
264	144	Barlow Rand	224	-1	16.4	7.3	4.7
181	39	Barr & Wallace	152	-4	5.6	3.7	5.1
180	37	Do A	150	-4	5.6	3.8	5.0
135	56¾	Barratt Devs	124	+7	12.2	9.8	5.8
54	28	Barrow Hepbn	38	-1	2.3b	6.0	6.5
72	33½	Barton & Sons	69	● ..	4.6	6.7	7.1
155	69	Bassett G.	130	-1	8.7	6.7	6.6
99	29	Bath & P'land	67	..	5.2	7.7	3.8
83	34	Beales J.	82	..	4.4	5.3	5.0
202	66	Beatson Clark	196	..	7.8	4.0	5.3
54	25½	Beaufort Grp	53	..	5.1	9.5	3.6
84	48	Beckman A.	84	..	7.4	8.8	9.3
743	372	Beecham Grp	730	+5	28.2	3.9	14.0
83	39½	Bejam Grp	82	..	2.3	3.7	7.7
85	54	Bemrose Corp	83	+1	6.2	7.4	11.0
78	29½	Benn Bros	68	..	3.6	5.3	14.0
211	121	Berec Grp	150	+3	6.5	4.3	6.8
167	74½	Berisf'd S & W	156	+1	6.5	4.2	5.6
63	31	Berisfords	62	..	3.8	6.1	5.2
67	36	Best & May	65	..	4.7	7.2	7.6
175	122	Bestobell	160	● ..	14.4b	9.0	7.2
69	28	Bett Bros	62	..	2.7a	4.4	8.7
263	102	Bibby J.	246	..	10.7	4.3	4.7
58	28½	Bifurcated Eng	54	● ..	4.4	8.1	5.4
114	50	Birm'gham Mint	114	..	7.4	6.5	7.4
123	68	Black & Edg'tn	106	-1	7.1	6.7	12.9
72	25¼	Blackwd Hodge	66½	..	3.4b	5.1	7.3
30	15	Blackwood Mt	26	..	..e	..	14.9
275	122	Blagden & N	238	● -4	18.3	7.6	10.2
302	183	Blue Circle Ind	283	-1	14.7	5.2	7.3
87	39	Blundell Perm	85	..	4.8	5.6	8.3
20½	7½	Boardman K. O.	19½	..	1.7	8.9	6.3
75	33	Bodycote	75	..	3.4	4.5	7.3
44	17	Bonser Eng	43	h ..	2.2	5.1	12.4
340	128	Booker McCon	292	..	12.0	4.1	8.5
212	84	B'sey & Hwkes	175	..	7.7	4.4	7.1
161	87	Boot H.	147	-3	13.9	9.5	8.3
242	115	Boots	213	..	9.1b	4.3	15.1
97	45	Borthwick T.	61	+1	9.4	15.4	8.4
19½	11¼	Boulton W.	19¼	..	1.7	8.8	7.9
218	180	Bowater Corp	201	● ..	14.9	7.4	8.2
66	34	Bowthorpe Hldgs	63	-1	2.4	3.9	7.5
80	51½	Braby Leslie	84	-1	6.7	8.0	4.2
76	34	Brady Ind	60	..	5.3	8.8	..
75	48	Do A	56	..	5.3	9.5	10.6
41	21½	Brabam Millar	41	..	2.2	5.4	5.8
45	17	Braid Grp	40	..	2.2	5.4	6.0
179	67½	Braithwaite	116	..	6.5	5.9	5.1
176	44½	Brammer H.	175	..	6.4	3.6	11.4
59	38	Bremner	55	-1	7.0	12.7	13.9
216	70¾	Brent Chem Int	204	..	4.8	2.4	17.1
68	25	Brent Walker	61	..	1.9	3.1	25.3
54	22	Brickhouse Dud	52	-1	3.6	6.9	7.9
172	90	Bridon	111	● ..	9.3	8.4	12.0
41½	27½	Bright J. Grp	32	..	3.7	11.5	18.9
49½	29	Brit Car Auctn	49½	+1	3.8b	7.6	12.2
246	137	Brit Home Strs	209	..	9.5	4.5	16.9
56	34	Brit Printing	54	-1	5.2	9.7	5.1
87	45½	Brit Stm Spec	95	..	7.1	7.5	9.1
150	69½	Brit Sugar	144	+2	7.2b	5.0	3.4
70¾	30½	Brit Syphon Ind	62	-½	5.6	8.1	4.4
85½	39½	Brit Tar Prod	59	..	3.1	5.3	13.8
117	34½	Brit Vita	113	● ..	3.0	2.7	4.9
30	13½	Brittains	23	● ..	2.3	9.9	5.0
74	44	Brockhouse Ltd	66	..	5.6	8.5	6.5
86	41	Brocks Grp	64	..	5.7	8.9	18.7
765	385	Broken Hill	730	..	19.5	2.6	33.0
89	35	Brook St Bur	84	..	6.4	7.6	17.0
56	38	Brooke Bond	48	+1	4.3	9.0	4.0
50	17	Brooke Tool	49	-1	3.8h	7.7	10.4
156	49	Brotherhood P.	126	..	9.6	7.6	9.4
235	23	Brown & J'kson	230	..	1.5	0.7	20.2
138	74	Brown & Tawse	137	..	7.3	5.3	7.9
62	22	BBK	58½	-1	3.3	5.7	7.4
27	12	Brown Bros Cp	26½	..	1.6	6.1	15.2
495	98	Brown J.	482	-2	13.4	2.9	4.8
124	85	Brantons	108	..	10.6b	9.8	9.6
58	37	Bryant Hldgs	51	+1	3.6	7.0	10.7
176	61½	Bullough Ltd	167	..	9.3	5.6	6.9
70	28	Bulmer & Lumb	62	..	4.7	7.6	5.1
120	57	Bunzl Pulp	98	..	7.4	7.6	4.4
81½	35	Burco Dean	68	-1	6.2	9.1	6.8
52	22	Burgess Prod	46	..	3.5	7.7	7.1
211	64	Burnett H'shire	219	..	4.3	2.1	5.5
211	63	Do A NV	210	..	4.3	2.1	5.5
61	16	Burns And'son	58	-2	2.5	4.2	5.3
17¾	9	Burrell & Co	11½	..	1.4	12.2	16.3
186	130	Burt Boulton	182	..	15.2	8.3	6.5
172	51	Burton Grp	168	..	2.3	1.4	..
184½	39	Do A	160	+2	2.3	1.4	..
88	30	Butterfld-Harvy	77	-1	3.6	4.6	8.8

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1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
420	150	ICL	420	..	11.6	2.8	7.7
133	75	IDC Grp	132	+2	13.6	10.3	24.6
69	46	IMI	63½	● -½	5.3	8.5	7.8
196	74	Ibstock Johns'n	188	+1	9.3	5.0	7.0
445	325½	Imp Chem Ind	394	● +1	26.3	6.7	8.7
140	73	Imp Cold Store	126	-2	8.3	6.6	5.8
98	65	Imperial Grp	82½	● +½	8.6	10.4	6.2
33	17	Ingall Ind	33	..	2.8	8.6	12.2
40	26	Ingram H.	32	..	..	..	21.1
99	51½	Initial Services	92	..	7.6	8.2	7.1
82	41½	Int Paint	82	..	3.5	4.2	8.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
285	175	Akroyd & Sm	210	-3	25.4	10.1	2.2
419	200	Assam Trdng 'B'	380	..	3.9	1.1	3.3
59½	27	Boustead	59	..	2.3	3.8	11.9
25	6	Brit Arrow	16	+½	..	..	..
163	102	Challenge Corp	137	● +1	6.6	4.8	7.5
68	42	Charterhse Grp	63	..	5.1	8.1	12.3
34½	27¼	C Fin de Suez	£30	-½	..	..	..
388	215	Daily Mail Tst	368	..	19.4	5.3	20.7
388	210	Do A	365	..	19.4	5.3	20.5
306¾	204	Dalgety	300	a ..	24.4b	8.1	6.0
46	13	Dawnay Day	44½	..	1.5	3.4	17.4
23	11	Edin Ind Hldgs	12	..	0.2a	1.3	27.3
127	79	Electra Inv	120½	-2	7.6	6.3	22.3
28	15	Exploration	27	..	0.8	3.1	8.7
85	27	FC Finance	65	..	3.0	4.7	13.1
24	2½	Fitzroy Inv	22	..	..e	..	..
39	14	Goode D & M grp	23½	..	0.2	0.8	..
443	203½	Inchcape	387	..	22.7	5.9	9.6
129	60	Lloyds & Scot	95	-1	6.2	6.5	12.5
36	6	Ldn & Euro Grp	35	-1	..	..	..
146	61	M&G Grp(Hldgs)	146	..	5.5	3.7	18.4
54	28	Manson Fin	45	-2	5.3	11.8	12.7
119	61	Prov Fin Grp	105	● ..	7.7	7.2	9.6
131	43½	Sime Darby	106	-9	1.8	1.7	19.0
69	37	Smith Bros	64	..	7.5	11.6	5.7
860	631	Tyndall O'seas	860	..	46.4	5.4	..
55	14	Utd Dom Tst	45	..	..e	..	7.6
58½	22¾	Wagon Fin	41	● ..	3.1	7.6	8.6
87½	33	Yule Catto	80	-1	..	..	10.4

INSURANCE

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
131	85	Bowring	117	+1	4.5	3.8	..
38	28	Brentnall Beard	33	..	2.0	6.3	5.6
184	112	Britannic	174	+2	13.9	8.0	..
172	102½	Com Union	150	+2	12.2	8.1	..
150	107	Eagle Star	139	+2	9.9	7.1	..
194	114	Equity & Law	174	-2	10.1	5.8	..
244	161	Gen Accident	205	-2	12.8	6.2	..
254	175	GRE	234	+2	16.2	6.9	..
395	285	Hambro Life	380	..	30.3	8.0	..
297	136½	Heath C. E.	275	..	7.3	2.7	10.6
218	125	Hogg Robinson	215	..	9.4	4.4	11.1
191½	128	Howden A.	147	..	10.6b	7.2	8.3
184	109	Legal & Gen	159	+3	8.7	5.5	..
124	90	Leslie & Godwin	124	h ..	6.8	5.5	14.1
150	91¼	London & Man	130	..	10.2	7.8	..
193	57	Ldn Utd Inv	191	..	6.4	3.3	10.7
286	160	Matthews W'son	185	..	14.5	7.8	8.6
227	100	Minet Hldgs	186	+2	5.1	2.7	11.6
79	43	Moran C.	60	● ..	5.0a	8.3	6.6
292	182	Pearl	236	..	19.1	8.1	..
292	185	Phoenix	244	..	16.8	6.9	..
143	100	Prov Life 'A'	143	..	12.4	8.7	..
143	100	Do A Br	143	..	12.4	8.7	..
135	100	Do B	135	..	12.4	9.2	..
135	100	Do B Br	135	..	12.4	9.2	..
180	116	Prudential	147	+2	10.6	7.2	..
154	94	Refuge	142	..	10.5	7.4	..
490	290	Royal	362	+7	26.3	7.3	..
478	224	Sedg. Forbes	445	-10	16.2	3.6	14.3
113	29	Stenhouse	107	+1	6.4	6.0	8.0
662	385	Sun Alliance	550	..	32.3	5.9	..
117	65	Sun Life	110	..	5.2b	4.7	..
183	122	Trade Indem'ty	175	..	13.4	7.7	..
310	195	Willis Faber	255	..	14.1	5.5	11.7

OIL

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
83	43	Ampol Pet	75	..	..	..	..
120	47	Attock	85	..	..	..	..
188	128	Brit Borneo	160	-2	10.2	6.4	18.1
960	720	BP	900	● ..	35.1	3.9	8.7
88	41	Burmah Oil	74	+1	..e	..	..
66½	44½	Century Oils	61	..	4.0	6.5	6.5
34½	18½	Charterhall	25	..	..	..	84.1
23¾	12¾	C F Petroles	£22	..	111	5.1	5.4
44	24	KCA Int	36	+1	..e	..	16.8
195	134	Lasmo	156	..	..	..	..
435	265	Do Ops	385	+10	..	..	..
109½	84½	Do 14% Ln	£99¾	..	1400	14.0	..
322	77	Oil Exploration	224	+4	3.2	1.4	32.1
21½	8	Premier Cons	16½	..	..	..	..
13¾	7¾	Ranger Oil	£11¾	+¼	..	..	..
50¾	39½	Royal Dutch	£45¼	-¼	147	3.2	3.0
632	458	Shell Trans	570	● +4	26.6	4.7	6.2
302	104	Tricentrol	183	-1	2.3	1.2	19.7
276	116¾	Ultramar	232	..	..	..	7.9
161	84	Do 7% Cnv	141	-1	10.6	7.5	..

SHIPPING

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
331	215	Brit & Comm	296	+1	14.1	4.8	8.7
180	54	Fisher J.	178	● ..	2.3	1.3	8.6
355	207	Furness Withy	241	+2	2.5	1.0	6.7
365	100	Hunting Gibson	184	-1	..	..	..
41½	24¼	Jacobs J. I.	38½	+½	2.8	7.3	15.7
270	265	Manch Liners	220	..	7.7	3.5	28.1
179	104	Ocean Trans	115	● +4	12.6	10.9	3.9
172	83	P & O 'Dfd'	97	+3	9.9	10.2	3.4

MINES

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
785	370	Anglo Am Coal	565	..	38.1	3.7	..
380	195	Anglo Am Corp	344	-2	23.2g	6.7	..
20¾	11¼	Ang Am Gold	£18¾	..	104	5.8	..
49	19	Anglo Am Inv	£42¾	● -¼	374	8.9	..
9½	6¼	Anglo Transvl	£8½	..	72.5	8.5	..
9½	6	Do A	£8½	..	72.5	8.5	..
15½	8¾	Asarco	£11	-¼	20.5	1.9	..
415	225	Ayer Hitam	350	..	66.0	18.9	..
60	26	Beralt Tin	48	-2	11.7b	24.5	..
417	249	Blyvoors	343	-11	59.7	17.4	..
45	12	Botswana RST	22	+1	..	..	..
107	55	Bracken Mines	80	● -1	26.3	32.9	..
138	61	BH South	122	+1	..e	..	..
11¾	5¼	Buffelsfontein	£9¾	..	107	11.7	..
168	108	Charter Cons	152	..	12.6	8.3	..
229¾	138	Cons Gold Fields	183	..	13.7	7.5	..
483	188	De Beers 'Dfd'	417	● +5	32.9	7.9	..
403	148	Doornfontein	317	+6	31.3	9.9	..
442	133	Durban Rood	405	..	..e	..	..
37	9	East Daggs	26	+1	15.1	58.0	..
817	425	E Driefontein	803	-1	52.0	6.5	..
477	177	E Rand Prop	321	-4	..	..	..
68	29	El Oro M & Ex	62	..	1.7	2.7	..
154	64	Elsburg Gold	114	+4	6.1	5.4	..
20¾	6¼	F S Geduld	£19¾	+¼	176	9.1	..
197	84¾	Geevor Tin	143	-5	7.6	5.3	..
20¾	12	Gen Mining	£19½	● +¾	143	7.4	..
152	52	Grootvlei	112	-1	18.8	16.7	..
310	160	Hamersley	187	+2	..	..	..
128	77	Hampton Gold	120	-2	5.3	4.1	..
469	235	Harmony	391	..	33.1	8.5	..
16	7¼	Hartebeest	£13¾	+¼	158	11.6	..
16¾	10¼	Jo'burg Cons	£14¼	● +¼	104	7.0	..
450	200	Kinross	379	● -1	32.9	8.7	..
660	290	Kloof	561	-16	25.1	4.5	..
74	20	Leslie	60	● ..	12.6	20.9	..
650	175	Libanon	547	-10	62.3	11.4	..
76	42	Lydenburg Plat	50	..	3.2	2.8	..
342	123	MIM Hldgs	207	+3	..	..	..
65	33	MTD (Mangula)	35	..	4.1	12.4	..
470	220	Malayan Tin	430	-10	..	..	..
121	46	Maricvale Con	78	..	35.0	44.3	..
195	71	Messina Trans	72	-3	..e	..	..
41	18	Metals Explor	38½	..	..	..	..
235	125	Middle Wits	190	..	15.8	8.2	..
204	123	Minorco	190	● +4	6.2	3.2	..
450	247	Nthgate Explor	365	-10	13.3	3.9	..
670	345	Peko Wallsend	324	+16	..	..	..
11¾	6⅞	Pres Brand	£10¾	+¼	78.6	7.7	..
10½	4¾	Pres Steyn	£9¾	..	23.2	2.6	..
160	80	Rand Mine Prop	130	..	8.9	6.9	..
42½	19	Randfontein	£37¾	-1	232	6.2	..
258	164	Rio Tinto Zinc	240	+5	14.4	6.0	..
105	69	Rustenburg	87	-1	..e	..	..
90	35	Saint Piran	58	..	3.1	5.3	..
12¾	6⅞	St Helena	£12¾	● ..	114	13.0	..
815	370	Selection Tst	484	-4	28.3	5.8	..
237	118	Sentrust	217	..	18.9	8.7	..
97	29	SA Land	62	-6	..	..	..
76	45	South Crofty	58	..	6.3	10.8	..
613	335	Southvaal	600	..	33.1	..	..
340	150	Sibu Malayan	305	-5	18.2	6.0	..
246	87	Sungei Besi	200	-5	14.8	7.4	..
159	116	Tang Cons	128	..	20.0	15.6	..
103	42	Tanjong Tin	88	..	9.9	11.2	..
260	207½	Tharsis Sulph	235	..	10.0	8.9	..
15½	9¼	Transvaal Cons	£14	..	60.7b	4.3	..
265	93	Tronoh Mines	225	-10	19.6	8.7	..
278	117	UC Invest	232	-3	20.3	8.7	..
335	165	Union Corp	302	● -3	24.2	8.0	..
17⅞	8	Vaal Reefs	£16⅝	..	96.6	6.0	..
284	70	Venterspost	226	..	15.7	6.9	..
42	27	Wankie Colliery	34	+½	6.5	19.0	..
375	118	Welkom	336	..	33.6	9.5	..
29¾	13¾	W Driefontein	£24⅝	-⅛	241	9.8	..
209	78	W Rand Cons	116	..	11.0	9.5	..
243	110	Western Areas	179	-1	9.5	5.3	..
9¼	5¼	Western Deep	£8¾	..	67.9	7.8	..
24¾	16½	Western Hldgs	£20⅞	-⅛	207	10.0	..
164	94	Western Mining	157	+3	1.8	1.1	..
370	300	Winkelhaak	280	-9	77.3	21.0	..
23½	10	Zambia Copper	14½	..	..e	..	..

PROPERTY

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
63½	28¾	Allied Ldn	60	-1	2.8	4.7	13.5
234	127	Allnatt Ldn	224	-1	3.3	1.5	58.3
260	114	Apex Props	260	● +3	5.9	2.3	47.3
23	11	Aquis Secs	21½	..	1.0	4.7	18.9
95	51¾	Beaumont Prop	86	-1	5.9	6.8	21.3
73	23½	Bellway Hldgs	68	..	4.4	6.4	..
143	50	Berkeley Hmbro	142	..	4.9	3.4	32.6
198	130	Billon Percy	188	-5	9.4	5.0	21.0
167	116	Do Accum	163	-4	0.3	0.2	..
275	116	Bradford Prop	257	..	10.3	4.0	8.9
47½	22	British Land	43	+1	..e	..	..
116	56¼	Brixton Estate	112	..	3.1	2.8	28.9
60	10	Cap & Counties	55½	..	2.6	4.8	27.1
369	141	Chesterfield	358	..	6.1	1.7	40.6
16½	8½	Chown Secs	15½	..	..	..	..
328	143	Churchbury Est	327	-1	7.0	2.1	39.9
65	37½	City Offices	60	+1	2.7	4.6	39.2
38	12½	Control Secs	38	+1	1.3	3.3	71.7
182	114	Corn Exchange	173	-4	3.2	1.8	30.8
38	17	Country & New T	27½	-1	1.0	3.6	..
109	35	County & Dist	106	-1	1.3	1.2	37.5
120	32½	Daejan Hldgs	113	..	4.5	4.0	11.6
51½	27	Eng Prop	38	+1	3.5	9.2	14.0
23½	11	Estates & Gen	21	..	1.8b	8.7	17.5
104	32	Evans of Leeds	98	..	2.0	2.0	21.1
220	133½	Gt Portland	214	+2	4.8	2.3	39.3
87	52	Guildhall	88	..	3.8a	4.8	18.4
642	310	Hammerson 'A'	630	-3	8.3	1.3	68.8
272	152	Haslemere Ests	250	..	5.0	2.0	25.1
260	142	Land Secs	242	● -1	8.1	3.4	42.4
66	32¼	Law Land	43¼	-½	1.5b	3.5	..
119	46½	Ldn & Prov Sh	113	..	1.2b	1.1	58.9
79	40	Ldn Shop	77	..	4.6	6.0	57.5
138	69	Lynton Hldgs	126	+1	3.8	3.0	20.0
150	46	MEPC	146	..	2.6	1.8	45.8
275	68	McKay Secs	270	-5	2.7	1.0	38.2
41	8½	Marler Estates	40	h ..	..	..	..
43½	15	Midhurst Whites	41¼	+¼	..	..	..
133	46	Mucklow A & J	130	..	3.7a	2.8	23.6
275	108	Municipal	270	..	7.7	2.9	15.7
88	38	Peachey Prop	84	..	3.0b	3.6	..
330	180	Prop & Rever	325	..	7.8	2.4	30.5
330	178	Do A	325	..	7.8	2.4	30.5
347	216	Prop Hldgs	315	..	10.0	3.2	39.9
178	44	Prop Sec	172	-1	3.2	1.8	..
6¾	2	Raglan Prop	6½	+¼	..	..	..
87	31	Regional	86	-2	2.7	2.1	26.0
78	30	Do A	73	..	1.7	2.3	22.8
128	79	Rush & Tompkins	120	-2	4.4	3.6	14.0
118	59¾	Scot Met Props	109	+1	2.9b	2.7	44.7
129	77	Slough Ests	118	-1	3.6	3.2	29.4
276	158	Stock Conv	270	..	3.1	1.1	34.1
290	90	Sunley B.	280	..	6.9	2.5	..
17	5	Town & City	13½	..	0.0e	0.1	..
138	41	Trafford Park	128	..	6.3	4.9	36.3
24½	10½	UK Props	23½	-½	0.5	2.1	19.5
79¾	74	Webb J.	74¾	+½	6.6	4.9	6.3
21	10½	W'mster & C'ty	20½	..	1.2	5.8	..

RUBBER

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
100½	34	Anglo-Indonesia	95	..	4.2	4.4	..
68	18	Bradwall FMS	58	-1	2.6	4.4	..
300	82	Castlefield	253	-4	5.0	2.0	..
56	12½	Chersonese	47	-2	2.1	4.5	..
52	18¾	Cons Plant	40	-2	3.0	7.5	..
65	13	Doranakande	57	-1	2.2a	3.9	..
13½	5½	Grand Central	11	..	0.8	7.5	..
388	155	Guthrie Corp	344	-4	22.7	6.6	..
129	48	Harrisons Malay	105½	● +½	6.1a	5.5	..
135	36½	Highlds & Low	104	-6	4.5	4.3	..
215	67	Hongkong	210	..	11.0	5.2	..
265	125	Killinghall	232	..	17.5	8.9	..
59½	22	Kulim Malaysia	44	-1½	2.1	4.8	..
197	44	Ldn Sumatra	190	-3	6.1	3.2	..
80½	22½	Maledie	76	-2	1.0	1.3	..
63	12¼	Muar River	51	-2	0.7	1.4	..
81	34	Plant Hldgs	63	-1	3.3	5.2	..
93	18¼	Sungei Krian	83	-2	2.3	2.7	..

TEA

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
380	142	Assam Frontier	310	..	24.6	7.9	..
123	52	Assam Inv	107	● -1	10.6	10.0	..
303	95	Camellia Inv	302	..	3.0	1.0	..
156	22	Deundi	150	fh ..	4.9	3.3	..
245	130	McLeod Russel	243	+6	20.5a	8.4	..
410	124	Moran	358	..	5.5	1.5	..
129	45	Surmah Valley	129	..	10.0	7.8	..
247	102	Warren Plant	247	..	22.2	9.0	..

MISCELLANEOUS

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
15¾	7⅞	Algoma Cen Rly	£12¾	..	26.0	2.1	13.7
78	40	Calcutta Elec	76	..	13.0	17.1	..
52½	42	E Surr Wtr 4.9%	£46	..	490	10.7	..
38¾	31½	Essex Wtr 3.5%	33	..	350	10.6	..
68	47	Gt Nthn Tele	£68	..	183	2.8	16.2
450	318	Imp Cont Gas	380	..	34.9	3.9	9.9
38	32	Mid Kent Wtr	£33½	..	500	14.9	..
112	46	Milford Docks	112	..	4.1	3.6	..
278	140	Nigerian Elec	218	..	20.1	9.4	..
38½	31½	Sunderland Wtr	£32½	..	350	10.8	..

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. e Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 26.09.78 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	223.57	6.26	11.58	221.94
Largest Coys.	227.46	6.01	11.04	225.25
Smaller Coys.	211.00	7.07	13.39	210.84
Capital Goods	272.07	5.89	14.02	270.03
Consumer Goods	230.56	6.68	11.85	229.08
Store Shares	194.56	6.17	6.04	192.31
Largest financial shares	224.76	6.19	—	223.64
Largest financial and industrial shares	226.95	6.05	—	224.94
Commodity shares	288.16	5.08	12.80	287.16
Gold Mining shares	348.31	8.76	15.90	350.90
Industrial debenture stocks	94.88	6.38*	—	94.11
Industrial preference stocks	56.55	12.33*	—	56.62
3½% War Loan	31¼	11.44*	—	31¼

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	232.06 (14.09.78)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1978	232.06 (14.09.78)	184.65 (02.03.78)
1977	222.86 (14.09.77)	151.29 (12.01.77)
1976	171.83 (05.05.76)	115.63 (27.10.76)
1975	158.02 (19.11.75)	61.42 (06.01.75)
1974	136.18 (28.02.74)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1973	189.33 (12.01.73)	120.89 (14.12.73)

* Flat interest yield.

CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria
Ministry of Public Works
135 rue Didouche Mourad, Algiers
Directorate of Roadworks and Road Signs

INTERNATIONAL INVITATION TO TENDER

EASTBOUND MOTORWAY FROM ALGIERS

The Ministry of Public Works is inviting national and international tenders for three (3) major bridge construction projects:

—*Bridges spanning* the Oued-El-Harrach carrying the eastbound motorway from Algiers and the suburban railway Algiers—Ain Chorb. Surface area approx. 12 600 m².
—Bridge spanning the Oued El Hamiz and carrying the CW11 two-lane double-carriageway road. *Surface area approx. 1,700 m²*
—Bridge spanning the Algiers-Constantine railway line and carrying the CW 149 two-lane double-carriageway road. Surface area approx. 1,700 m².

These three bridge construction projects are planned for the *Algiers region, within* 12 km of the city.

Tenders may be submitted for all three projects.

The eastbound motorway project also includes the future construction of a road viaduct, four curved ramps at the level of the Pont des Fusillés, seven interchanges, one tunnel and one railway viaduct. *Consultations on these projects will* commence in the near future.

Tender documents for these three projects are available to interested parties as from 20 September 1978 against payment of 200 DA from Direction de l'Infrastructure Routière, Ministère des Travaux Publics, 135 rue Didouche Mourad, Algiers, Algeria.

Tenders should be sent in two envelopes to Ministere des Travaux Publics, att. Monsieur le Directeur de l'Infrastructure Routiere.

The deadline for acceptance of tenders is noon on 30 November 1978.

Bidders will be bound by their offers for a period of 90 days from the date of posting.

Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria
Ministry of Public Works
Directorate of Roadworks and Road Signs

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INVITATION TO TENDER

The Ministry of Public Works is *inviting tenders* for carrying out development work over 40 kilometres on Route Nationale No. 5 between Boudeuaou and Lakhdaria. These works will be financed with the help of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The construction work has ben divided into two lots, but tenders may be submitted for both of them.

Lot No. 1: Complete road construction, including ancillary engineering work but excluding bridges.
Chief quanities involved:
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*Length of two-lane road with lane for heavy loads on hard shoulder — 20 km
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*Road foundation work — 600,000 m³
*Drainage and ancillary road engineering work.

Lot No. 2: Construction of 14 bridges in reinforced prestressed concrete, total surface area, approx. 6,800 m².

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Tender documents *are available from the address* below as from 1st October 1978, on payment of 500 Dinars. As specified in the Tender Conditions, the final date for acceptance of tenders has been fixed for 15 January 1979, at noon, at Direction des Infrastructures Routières et de la Signalisation, Ministere des Travaux Publics, 135 rue Didouche Mourad, Algiers, Algeria.

Further information is available on request from the above address.

Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria
Ministry for Energy and the Petrochemical Industry
SONATRACH
Engineering and Development Division
Directorate of Works and Civil Engineering

INTERNATIONAL INVITATION TO TENDER No. 9001/78

International tenders are invited for supplying filling pumps and high-pressure pumps.

Interested parties may obtain the necessary tender documentation from SONATRACH, Division Engineering et Développment, Direction Travaux et Constructions, Villa les Arbres, rue Shakespeare, El-Mouradia, Algiers, Algeria.

Bids should be sent by registered post in two closed and sealed envelopes and should be to hand by 15 October 1978 at the latest. The outer envelope should be addressed to SONATRACH, Division Engineering et Développment, Direction Travaux et Constructions, Villa "Les Arbres", rue Shakespeare, El-Mouradia, Algiers, Algiers, and be marked "Appel d'offres pour la fourniture de Pompes de Remplissage et à Haute pression—A ne pas ouvrir. *Appel d'Offres No. 9001/78*".

DEMOCRATIC AND POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA
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Tender documents are available to interested companies from Service Génie Civil, Entreprise Sonatrach, Base les Vergers, Birkadem, Algiers, Algeria, as from 10 September, 1978.

Tenders should be sent in two sealed envelopes to Monsieur le Directeur des Travaux Petroliers, 2 rue du Capitaine Azzoug, H. Dey, Algiers, Algeria, by 25 *October. 1978 at the latest.*

The outer envelope should be marked as follows: "Appel d'offres National et International, équipement de grandes cuisines, à ne pas ouvrir."

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MINISTRY OF WATER DEVELOPMENT

INVITATION TO TENDER

MOMBASA AND COASTAL WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

The Government of Kenya invites tenders for Contract MCS 6—Construction of Mombasa Distribution System (including the supply of pipes and fittings).

The Contract comprises the supply and construction of approximately 30 kilometres of distribution pipelines in the sizes 500mm down to 100mm diameter, within the Mombasa Island, West and North Mainland areas.

Firms who wish to be issued with tender documents should apply in writing to:

The Director
Ministry of Water Development
PO Box 30521
Nairobi, Kenya

before the 16th October, 1978.

Tender documents will be issued only against payment of a non-refundable deposit of K.Shs. 500/-. This deposit shall be by way of a crossed cheque in Kenya currency payable to "The Director Water Department".

Presumptive tenderers are advised that only those tenders will be accepted for evaluation which meet the requirements of the tender documents as to the satisfactory documentation of the tenderer's experience and competence to carry out the Works concerned.

C. N. MUTITU
for: Director Water Department.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MINISTRY OF WATER DEVELOPMENT

INVITATION TO TENDER

MOMBASA AND COASTAL WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

The Government of Kenya invites tenders for Contract MCS 12—Construction of Mtwapa Vipingo, Mnarani Takaungu, Kilifi Township and Tezo-Roka Distribution Systems (including the supply of pipes and fittings).

The Contract comprises the supply and construction of approximately 92 kilometres of distribution pipelines in size of 300mm down to 75mm diameter.

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Broadcasting Guide

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PERSONAL CHOICE



Scarle (left) and Sarah Wright in Fairies, tonight's ..f the Week (BBC 2, 9.25)

. reasons that have nothing whatever to do with Sherlock ..s, Conan Doyle is back in the news. His father's ..ring sketchbook-diary has just been published in facsimile, ..facsimile of Conan Doyle himself appears in tonight's bit ..nstructed history, Fairies (BBC 2, 9.25). It is the tale ..young girls, cousins, who photograph each other in ..shire glen. But it is not only their images that appear in ..tures. There are also little things suspiciously like fairies. Doyle writes an article about the phenomenon and the ..ecome nationally known. I must tell you no more or ..ey Case, who wrote tonight's play, will be mightily ..ased with me. A footnote: there are fairies in Charles ..ont Doyle's sketchbook, too.

..ought Gemma Craven acceptable, no more, as Cinderalla ..an Forbes's plodding film The Slipper and the Rose. But, ..r acting as the wife in Dennis Porter's play sequence ..s from Heaven, nothing but praise. I look forward keenly, ..o tonight's backstage musical Must Wear Tights (Thames, ..n which Miss Craven plays a song-and-dance girl given her ..ig Chance in a television musical. It is a Thames ..sion production about the making of a Thames Television ..tion. So, for the sake of Thames's good name. I hope it ..a good show. Also, of course, for Miss Craven's good

.. to be hoped that newcomer John Burton and old-band ..y Morris (the latter being the man who loves ..is only fractionally less than they seem to love him) will ..w the seeds of family discord with a new item ..ght's Animal Magic (BBC 1, 4.40). Mr Burton will ..*n to young viewers how they can build their own nature* ..e by encouraging small mammals and birds to make their .. in the garden. I suspect green-fingered Mums and Dads, ..nately devoted to their crops, will monitor these ..mmes with feelings akin to alarm.

..ernard Levin has not heard it already, he and other ..rians may like to be reminded that Radio 3 (10.40) is ..ing Geoffrey Skelton's three programmes which tell how ..r wrote and produced The Ring. Marius Goring is Wagner ..ere are piano and soprano illustrations.

..lay's Afternoon Theatre play from Birmingham (Radio 4, ..sounds interesting. Wife loses two fingers in an engineering ..y accident. Husband is shop steward in his own factory. ..ccident as a means of attacking wife's employer who runs ..union shop. Enter a law firm.

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TELEVISION

BBC 1

6.40 am, Open University (until 7.55); 6.40, Non-Linearities; 7.05, Maths—Fourier Transforms; 7.30, Education Technologique.

9.15, For Schools, colleges: 10.15, Engineering Craft Studies, 9.38, It's Maths, 10.00, Landscape (Ice Age), 10.23, Music Time (r).

10.45, You and Me: for the under-fives.

11.00, For Schools, colleges: 11.00, Near and Far, 11.23, Words and Pictures, 11.40, Biology, 12.05, Digame.

12.45 pm, News and weather.

1.00, Pebble Mill: today's edition *includes* Michael Smith's cookery item Grace and Flavour.

1.45, Fingerbobs: Rick Jones with House (r).

2.01, For Schools, colleges: 2.01, Watch. 2.18, Science All Around. 2.40, Physical Science. 3.55, Play School: Ann Reay's story, One Windy Day.

4.20, Goober and the Ghost Chasers: cartoon (r).

4.40, Animal Magic: the return of Johnny Morris with his furred and feathered friends. *Naturalist John Burton is a* newcomer to this long-running series.

5.05, John Craven's Newsround: junior newsreel

5.15, Touch and Go: part two of children's serial. See if you can spot Sandy Ratcliff (the tortured heroine of Sunday night's Family Life) in the cast.

5.40, News, with Richard Baker.

5.55, Nationwide: a look at Britain.

6.50, It's a Knockout: Off to Rochefort in Belgium go Crewe and Nantwich for the second heat of this year's contest.

8.05, Secret Army: another series about the group who set up escape lines in Belgium during the Second World War.

9.00, News, with Richard Baker.

9.25, Sportsnight: highlights from a first round European cup-tie match in the European Cup. Also: the Conteh-Roger clash last night and athletics from Tokyo.

10.50, Tonight: including an item on fouls in professional soccer. 11.30, Weather/regional news

BBC 2

6.40, Open University (until 7.30)

6.40, Concorde. 7.05, Nitrogen Fixation (1).

10.35, Gharbar: for Asian viewers. Includes item on the unwise buying and hoarding of gold.

11.00, Play School (same as BBC 1, 3.55).

11.25, Open University: For the Good of the Company (ends at 11.50).

4.55, Open University: Class room Interaction. 5.20, *Geologist on the Moon.* 5.45, Solids, Liquids and Gases, 6.10, The Major Histocompatibility Complex, 6.35, The Early Music Hall.

7.00, News, with subtitles for the hard of hearing.

7.05, May I Have the Pleasure? five-part history of popular dancing. Tonight, part one (r).

7.30, News and weather.

7.35, Expert Opinion: Tonight's topic: Defence—What Price Security? Speakers: Christoph Bertram, director of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, Professor David Greenwood, of the Centre for Defence Studies, Aberdeen University and Field Marshal Lord Carver.

8.00: Gardeners' Word: For the first time, the programme drops in on people's front gardens. I can tell you only that it all happens somewhere in Gloucestershire.

8.25, The Money Programme: Against the background of the IMF meeting in Washington, the programme asks: what's happened to the dollar? Professor J. K. Galbraith is interviewed, as is Mr W. W. Rostow, President Johnson's chief financial adviser. There are items, too, on the Ford crisis; did the Government blacklist of firms that broke the phase 3 guidelines.

9.00, M*A*S*H: Korean war comedy series. Radar is promoted lieutenant, but not through merit.

9.25, Play of the Week: Fairies. Geoffrey Case's recon*struction of the odd and true* story of two little girls who say they really did photograph some tiny people (see Personal Choice).

10.35, News and weather.

10.50, The Waterloo: Final of the oldest event in the bowling calender. There were 1,604 entrants when the competition started.

11.40, Closedown: From a Museum man's Album is read by Peter Barkworth (r).

THAMES

9.20 am, For Schools (until 12.00): 9.20, My World: stories; 9.42, Making a Living; 10.04, The English Programme; 10.31, French Studies; 11.00, Finding Out (Japan); 11.20, Starting Out; 11.39, How we Used to Live.

12.00, Cloppa Castle: puppets in medieval tales.

12.10 pm, Hickory House: Jonathan and the Dragon.

12.30, Sounds of Britain: Baby Grand, in humorous mood, stage their own versio of the National Eisteddfod's assembly of ards.

1.00, News.

1.20, Thames News: stories of local interest.

1.30, Crown Court: continued story of a Greek-Cypriot accused of a knife attack.

2.00, After Noon: Mary Parkinson reports on the findings of the recent international congress on child abuse and neglect.

2.25, Busker: profile of Malcolm Watson, street entertainer.

3.20, The Rolf Harris Show: with guest Tom Sullivan.

3.50, Tell Me Another: show business people (including Roy Castle and Joan Turner) talk about families and friends.

4.20, The Sooty Show: an inventing competition—and a visit from Dash's Chimpanzees.

4.45, Shadows: a retired ballerina (Joan Greenwood) puts a curse on a ballet. Play for younger viewers.

5.15, Batman: part one of Fine Finny Fiends.

5.45, News.

6.00, Thames at Six: local news.

6.35, Crossroads: P. C. Cater proposes.

7.00, LingaLongaMax: the events, jokes and songs of 1954. With Max Bygraves.

7.30, Coronation Street: Hilda Ogden investigates.

8.00, Must Wear Tights: backstage musical (see Personal Choice),

9.00, Born and Bred: the continuing misfortunes of a South *London* family. The only one of the series without the invaluable Max Wall.

10.00, News.

10.30, A Day at the Races: not the Marx brothers classic but the *first* of three films about horse-racing. This one is about Trevor Kersey, a Yorkshire trainer.

11.30, Our Miss Hammond: lonely business woman falls in love. An American made-for-TV film.

12.25 am, Close: Finnish landscapes, Sibelius music.

RADIO

Radio 4

6.00 am, News, weather, papers, sport.
6.10, Farming Today.
6.30, Today.
8.45, Antigha, Penny, Puce (3).
9.00, News.
9.05, The Living World.
9.35, The Enthusiasts: Hobbies.
10.00, News.
10.05, In Britain Now.
10.30, Service.
10.45, *Morning Story: The Woman* Who Didn't Like Holidays.
11.00, News.
11.05, Shades of Belief (religion).
11.50, Letters from Everywhere.
12.00, News.
12.02 pm, You and Yours.
12.27, Dr Finlay's Casebook.
1.00, The World at One.
1.30, The Archers.
1.45, Woman's Hour.
2.45, Listen With Mother.
3.00, News.
3.05, Play: Don't Press Your Luck, by Edwin Pearce.
3.50, Choral Evensong: St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast.
4.35, Story Time: Jane and Prudence (8).
5.40, Serendipity.
6.00, News.
6.30, My Word: Panel game.†
7.0, News.
7.05, The Archers.
7.20, File on 4.
8.00, The Title is Such a Good One. . . . Light look at Thackeray and readers of Vanity Fair.
9.00, Science Now.
9.30, Kaleidoscope.
10.00, News.
10.30, Round Britain Quiz, Round 2: London v. West of England.
11.00, A Book at Bedtime: Rogue Male (3).
11.15, The Financial World.
11.30, News, Weather.
VHF: Regional news and weather at 6.50 am. 7.50 am, 12.55 pm and 5.55 pm. *SCHOOLS* at 9.05 am, 11 am and 2.00 pm.

Radio 3

6.55 am, Weather.
7.00, News.
7.05, Your Midweek Choice, part 1: Reznicek, Weber, Dvorak.†
8.00, News.
8.05, Midweek Choice, part 2: Handel, Masek, Handel, Haydn.†
9.00, News.
9.05, This Week's Composer: Schubert.†
9.40, Bach Organ recital.†
10.15, Cardiff Festival of 20th-century Music: Chamber Music, Poulenc, Wynne.†
11.00, Max van Egmond: songs: Weber, Cornelius, Schubert.†
11.45, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: Paganini, Haydn.†
1.00 pm, News.
1.05, Concert Hall: Beethoven, Zimmermann, Ravel.†
2.00, The Symphonies of William Alwyn: Alwyn, Holst Alwyn.†
3.00, Leeds International Piano Competition 1978.†
4.00, French Chamber Music: Loucheur *(mono)*, *Fauré*.†
4.40, Building a Record Library.†
5.45, Homeward Bound.
6.05, News.
6.10, Homeward Bound.
6.30, Lifelines—Language and Communication (20).
7.30, Three Choirs Festival, part 1: Schubert, Berkeley, Payne.†
8.15, The Arts Worldwide.
8.35, Three Choirs Festival, part 2: Messiaen.†
9.25, The Politics of Compromise: Dr Thomas Lachs (talk).
9.45, 16th-Century Violin Music by Senaillé, Leclair, Mondonville.†
10.40, How Wagner wrote and produced The Ring.†
11.45, News.
11.50-11.55, Schubert Song.†
RADIO 3 VHF: 6.00-7.00 am and 5.45-7.30 pm, Open University.

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Radio 2

5.00 am, News, weather.
5.02, Tony Brandon.†
7.32, Terry Wogan.†
10.02, Jimmy Young.†
12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk.
12.30, Pete Murray's Open House.†
2.30, David Hamilton.†
4.30, Waggoners' Walk.
4.45, Sports.
4.47, John Dunn.†
6.45, Sports, racing results.
7.02, Sing Something Simple.†
7.30, Listen to the Band † (continued on vhf and Radio 1). Charlie Chester.
8.00, European Soccer Special.
9.30, The Fred Astaire Story. Joins vhf.
9.55, Sports.
10.02, Offbeat with Braden.
10.30, Thanks for the Memory, Hubert Gregg.
11.02, Brian Matthew Round Midnight.
12.00, News, weather.
2.00-2.02 am, News Summary.
RADIO 2 SCOTLAND ONLY.
8.00-10.00 pm, Sportsound European Soccer Special. First Round, second leg.

Radio 1

5.00 am, As Radio 2.
7.02, Dave Lee Travis.
9.00, Simon Bates including the Golden Hour.
11.31, Paul Burnett including 12.30 pm, Newsbeat.
2.00 pm, Peter Powell.
4.31, Kid Jensen including 5.30, Newsbeat.
7.30, Listen to the Band† (continued on vhf).
8.00, As vhf.
10.02, John Peel.†
12.00-2.02 am, As Radio 2.
VHF RADIOS 1 and 2
5.00 am, With Radio 2.
8.00 pm, Listen to the Band† (continued from Radio 2, 7.30). Charlie Chester.†
8.15, Semprini Serenade.†
9.02, The Fred Astaire Story (series) (11).
9.55, Sports.
10.00, With Radio 1.
12.00-2.02 am, With Radio 2.

REGIONAL TV

HTV

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Report West. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Help Yourself. 2.25, Thames. 3.20, The Electric Theatre Show. 3.50, Thames. 6.00, Report West. 6.30, Emmerdale Farm. 7.00, Thames. 11.30, The New Avengers. 12.30 am, Weather. Close.

HTV CYMRU/WALES.—As HTV WEST *except*: 10.41 am, About Wales. 1.20, pm, Penawdau Newyddion Y Dydd. 1.25, Report Wales. 4.20, Miri Mawr. 4.30, Un Tro. 6.00, Y Dydd. 6.15, Report Wales. HTV GENERAL SERVICE.—As HTV WEST except: 10.41 am, About Wales. 1.25 pm, Report Wales. 6.15, Report Wales.

Ulster

9.30 am, Thames. 10.30, Facts for Life. 11.20, Let's Look at Ulster. 11.40, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, The Electric Theatre Show. 3.30, Tell Me Another. 4.18, Ulster News. 4.20, Thames. 5.15, Cartoons. 5.20, Thames. 6.00, Reports. 6.35, The Bob Newhart Show. 7.00, Thames. 11.30, Look and See. 11.45, Bedtime. 11.55, Close.

Anglia

9.30 am, Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 3.20, George Hamilton IV Show. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Mr and Mrs. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, Thames. 11.30, Chopper Squad. 12.25 am, The Big Question. Close.

ATV

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV Newsdesk. 1.30, Thames. 3.15, The Spy's Wife, Dorothy Tutin and Anne Lynn. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, You're only young Twice. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Thames. 11.30, Ghost Story: Time of Terror, Sebastian Cabot. 12.30 am, Close

Southern

1.20 pm, Southern News. Weather. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 3.20, Tandara Davey. 4.20, Thames. 5.15, Undersea Adventures of Captain Nemo. 5.20, Thames. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.35, Scene Mid-Week (South East only). 7.00, Thames. 11.30, Southern News Extra. 11.40, Shannon's Mob. 12.35 am, Weather and From Prison to Pulpit. Close.

Westward

9.30 am, Thames. 12.27 pm, Gus Honeybun's Birthdays. 12.30, Thames. 1.20, Westward News. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, Stars on Ice. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, Thames. 10.28, Westward News Weather. 10.30, Thames. 11.30, SWAT: Soldier on the Hill. 12.20 am, Faith for Life. 12.25, Close.

Channel

9.30 am, Thames. 1.18 pm, Channel News. What's On. Weather. 1.30, Thames. 3.25, Stars on Ice. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Channel News. Weather. 6.15, Ladies First. 6.35, Thames. 10.28, Channel News. Weather. 10.32, Thames. 11.30 SWAT: Soldier On The Hill. 12.20 am, News. Weather in French. Close.

Grampian

9.25 am, First Thing. 9.30, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News. 1.30, Thames. 3.20, The Jersey Battle of Flowers 1978. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Grampian Today. Weather. 6.30, Police Newsroom. 6.35, Thames. 11.30, Barnaby Jones: Final Ransom. 12.25 am, Reflections. 12.30, Grampian News. 12.35, Close.

Yorkshire

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 2.20, Mr Speaker. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Gambit. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, Thames. 11.30, Elaine, The Singer of the Song. 12.00, Close.

Scottish

9.30 am, Thames. 1.25 pm, News. Weather. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 3.20, The Electric Theatre Show: Richard Chamberlain. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Beifink. 5.20, Thames. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Sounds of Britain: The North East (r). 7.00, Thames. 11.30, Late Call. 11.35, Police Surgeon. 12.05 am, Close.

Border

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 3.20, Stramash City Revue. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Gambit. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Lookaround. 6.35, Thames. 11.30, Power Without Glory. Martin Vaughan. 12.25 am, Border News. Weather 12.28, Close.

Tyne Tees

9.25 am, The Good Word. 9.30, Thames. 1.20 pm, North East News. Lookaround. Weather. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 3.20, Survival. 3.50, Thames. 5.15, Happy Days. 5.45, Thames. 6.00, Northern Life. 6.35, Thames. 11.30, George Hamilton IV. 12.00, Epilogue. 12.05 am, Close.

Granada

9.30 am, Thames. 1.20 pm, This is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 2.20, Stars on Ice. 3.50, Thames. 5.10, What's New. 5.15, Thames. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, The Cuckoo Waltz. 7.00, Thames. 11.30, Bluey. 12.30 am, Close.

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BRANT.—On the 15th June to Sheila (née Gillingham) and David—a daughter (Jenna), sister for Emily and Alice.
GHILCHIK.—On Friday, 22nd September, 1978, to Margaret (née Gillide) and Anthony—a son (Peter Jeremy), brother for Tim, Philip and David.
HOLDSWORTH.—On 25th September, 1978 in Hongkong, to Suzy (née Pam) and David—a son.
HOWARD.—On September 25th at Queen Charlotte's to Jackie (née Matheson) and John—a daughter (Rebecca).
LAING.—On 23rd September to Margaret and Ian—a son (Alexander George).
MATHEW.—On the 26th September at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Olga and Thomas—a son.
MEEHAN.—On 14th September, to Jenny and Kevin: God's gift of a son (Barnaby William Alexander).
OAKELEY.—On 25th September, 1978, in Perth, Western Australia, to Margaret and Christopher—a son (a brother for Andrew and Timothy).
PEDDER.—On Sept. 23rd to Margaret (née Bradley) and John—a daughter (Mary Frances), a sister for Katie.

DEATHS

Hers, J. F. Ph., M.D.

On June 11th, 1978, as a result of a car accident in Buzi-Beira, Mozambique
J. F. Ph. Hers, M.D., physician of Tropical Medicine
University Hospital Leiden Oegstgeest
Roninginnelaan 8, The Netherlands
Cremation held on June 21st, 1978

BIRTHS

ROSS.—On September 23rd, at Queen Charlotte's W.6, to Ian and Bunty (Liberty)—a sister for Alicia, Milo, Holly and Mia.
RUSSELL.—On September 22nd at University College Hospital to Ruth (née Tucker) and Paul—a daughter (Rachel Emma).
TOWNSEND.—On Sept. 24th to Anita (née Walsbe) and Cyril—a son.

BIRTHDAYS

ANNE PAN PICCOLO POPS.—Happy 21st birthday, darling, love from all of us.
LESLEY.—A very happy 23rd birthday from hubby (Michael).

MARRIAGES

BROWNSEY : PRIOR.—On 22nd September, quietly at Crowborough, Hector Albert (Bill) Brownsey to Hilary Veronica younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Prior, of Rusball, Kent.
MULHERIN : STEVENSON.—On September 23rd, in Manorbier, Pembrokeshire, Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Mulherin, of Mackay, Queensland, to Marianne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Stevenson, of Cheadle, Cheshire.

10TH ANNIVERSARY

ANN.—Happy anniversary, looking forward to the next 10. All my love. Ivor.

DEATHS

ABRAHAMS.—On Sept 26th 1978, peacefully at her home in London, aged 89, Juliette Rose Abrahams, much loved mother of Jack. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday 29th Sept., at 1.30 p.m. Flowers may be sent to J. H. Kenyon Ltd, 132 Freston Road, W.10.
AFZAL.—On Friday, 22nd September, 1978, Syed Ahmed Afzal, of 25 Park Road, Richmond, Surrey. Aged 74 yrs. Chartered Accountant, political Secretary to Prime Minister of Pakistan 1953-55 and Pakistan High Commissioner in East Africa 1955-58. Prayers at Islamic Centre, Regent's Park, 12 noon, Wednesday, 27th September. Burial at Richmond Cemetery, Queens Road, Richmond, 1.30 p.m. Flowers to East London Mosque, Commercial Road, London, E.1; or 15 Larkfield Road, Richmond, Surrey.
BAILIE.—On 23rd Sept., 1978 suddenly and peacefully, Major Charles William Hugh of Manderston (late 53rd and 52nd light Infantry), Husband of the late Nancy, Laura Ferrer. Service Christ Church, Duns at 11 o'clock tomorrow Thursday, 28th Sept., followed by private cremation. No letters, no flowers by request.
BARLOW.—On 24th Sept., very suddenly at his home "Fern Bank", Lovers Walk, Wells, Henry Arthur Northey Barlow, O.B.E., late of the I.C.S. and of Lusaka, Zambia, beloved husband of Pam. Cremation at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, on Tues., 3rd Oct. at 3 p.m. A memorial service will be held at St Cuthbert's Church, Wells, at a later date. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, would be welcomed for the U.S.P.G.
BLUNT.—On September 26, 1978, sweetly and peacefully, Henry Staveley, beloved husband of Kcome, at his home, 3 Moreton Court, Eversfield Place, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex. Late Captain, the 2nd Battalion the Gordon Highlanders and ex-Sudan Government Service. Husband of the late Caroline and father of Gordon. Last surviving member of the family of Gerald Blunt and Augusta (née Gordon) of Springfield Park, Horsham. Service St. John's Church, Coolhurst, near Horsham, Friday, 29th September, at 3.30 p.m. No flowers, donations, if desired, to Gordon Boys School, Woking.
BREAKWELL.—On September 22nd, peacefully at The Priory, Roehampton, Ellen Coxe, dear mother of Raven, John and Oliver, grandmother and great grandmother. Cremation at Golders Green at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, 30th September. Flowers may be sent to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 83, Westbourne Grove, London, W.2.
BURMAM.—On September 23rd, 1978, suddenly, at King's Court, Beckenham, Harold Percy, aged 80 years, late of Indian State Railways and Iraq Petroleum Company. Cremation Thursday, 28th September. Family only. No flowers or letters. Donations British Heart Foundation. A loving and much-loved husband and grandpa.
CANTOR.—Suddenly, at home, on September 24th, Peter, dearest husband of Vivien and devoted father of Ben and David. Service and committal at Putney Vale Crematorium on Friday, September 29th, at 3.30 p.m. All inquiries 994 0277.
DE MONTALTE JONATHAN (Jon Delmar), suddenly in a car crash, aged 34.—Private cremation in Scotland. Memorial service at a later date in London.
EASON.—On September 25th at 3 St James Road, Radley, Richard Edward (Jo) aged 76, devoted and dearly loved husband, father and grandfather, formerly of Radley College. Service at Radley Parish Church on Friday September 29th at noon, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only memorial service to be announced later.
EVERETT.—On 24th September, peacefully, at his home, Blue Cedars, Clayhanger Chard, Somerset, Samuel James Everett (formerly of Thornton Heath). Dearly loved husband and father. Funeral private.
FAIRBAIRN.—On Saturday, 23rd September, 1978, peacefully in his sleep at home, 43 Sutherland Avenue, Petts Wood, Walter James, aged 70 years. Cremation at Beckenham Crematorium, Friday, 29th September, at 2.20 p.m. Family flowers only but if desired donations to Friends of Farnborough Hospital, Kent.
FOWLE.—On 23rd September, 1978, peacefully, Reginald George (Kip), of Holland Villas Rd., W.14. Funeral Golders Green Crematorium, 3.45 Friday, 29th September. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to St. Andrews Hospital, Northampton.
FRASER.—On Sept. 25th, 1978, at home, Douglas, husband of Nancy and father of Ian and Colin. Cremation, Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, 11.30 a.m., October 2nd. Family flowers only, please.
FREEMAN (née Tojer) HILDER KATHLEEN ("Tongs").—Peacefully on September 22nd at Knockbyon House, Templecombe, wife of Captain Spencer Freeman. Deeply mourned by her son Brian and family, sister Marie and family, nephew Gerald Leatherman and family, grandchildren, great grandchildren and comrades of world wars I & II. Cremation at Golders Green, London, at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 29th September. No flowers, please.
GALLATI.—On 21st September, 1978, Mary Ernestine, much loved by all her family and many friends. Requiem mass, Brompton Oratory, tomorrow, Thursday 28th September 10.30 a.m. Followed by burial, Gunnersbury Cemetery. Enquiries to Kenyon. 01-937 0757.
HARVEY.—On 22nd of September peacefully at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, May, precious wife of Wilfred Harvey of the Chase View, Winsley, Wilts, and mother of Eric and Betty, and the late Dr. Geoffrey Harvey. Funeral private. Family flowers only please.
HARVEY.—On September 20th, 1978 peacefully in hospital, Rupert Harvey, aged 83 years, husband of Thirza. Service and interment at Teddington Cemetery at 2 p.m. on September 28th. Will be mourned by his loved ones and all who knew his work. All inquiries to G. S. Kerrse & Co., 01-977 3127.
KEITH.—On September 25th, Alexander, aged 68 years, of Guiting Power, Glos., husband of Margaret, father of Ann and Hugh. No flowers please but donations may be sent to Friends of Frenchay Hospital, Bristol.
KING.—On 20th September, 1978, suddenly, Vivien Joyce (née Arnold), age 39, beloved wife of Peter King, mother of Sarah and Jennifer, of Hatch End, Middlesex. Funeral on Friday, 29th Sept., at St Anselm's Church, 2 p.m.
LEGG.—On September 24th, 1978, at Hove, Sussex, Derek Walter Legg, aged 71. Service at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Rd., Brighton, on Thursday, September 28th, at 1.30 p.m. No flowers, please.
LESLIE.—On September 25th, at Tewit Croft, Stray Road, Harrogate, Joan, darling wife of Charles Leslie and much loved mother of Heather and Christopher. Cremation private. No letters or flowers, please.
LEWIS LLOYD.—On September 19th, 1978, in a flying accident in Florida, John, aged 18 years, son of Gurdin and John, brother of Ann, Deborah and Jennifer. Funeral Saturday, September 30th, 1978, in Leksand Church, Sweden.
LUTYENS, ELIZABETH KEENE.—Of New York and London. Departed this World, Thursday, 21 September, peacefully, at home, leaving daughter Margot Holt-Walsh and grandchildren Edward and Melissa. Funeral Service at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, Friday, 29th September, at 2.30 p.m.
MACDONNIC.—On 24th September, 1978, Peter Thomas, aged 15, beloved son of Elizabeth and Godfrey, brother of Alexandra and John.
McINERNY, MARY EILEEN PATRICIA.—On Sunday, 24th September, at Wembley Hospital, after a long illness, bravely borne. Requiem Mass at St. Josephs Church, Wembley, at 10 a.m., Tuesday, 3rd October.—R.I.P.
MITCHELL.—On September 25th, 1978, Rebecca (Ray) Mitchell, widow of J. Leslie Mitchell (Lewis & Grassie Gibbon). Funeral Service at the Free Church, Welling Garden City, on Monday, October 2nd, 11.30 a.m. To be followed by private Cremation. Interment at Arbuthnott, Kincardine, to be arranged. All enquiries and flowers to: Coughtans Brothers, Welwyn Gardens 259 59.
MOCKETT.—On September 26th. Very peacefully in hospital, Veronica Marion, aged 80, beloved wife of the late Gordon Mockett of St Peters-in-Thanet, and dearly loved mother of Richard and Elizabeth. Funeral at St Boniface Church, Bonchurch, Isle of Wight, 2.30 p.m. Friday, 29th September. Family flowers only please, but donations to Clergy Orphan Corporation, c/o Rev. A. Tedman Bonchurch Rectory would be appreciated.
MYER.—On 26th September, 1978 Violet beloved wife of Kenneth and sister of Reginald Moore. Cremation at Randalls Park, Leatherhead on Tuesday 3rd October at 12 noon. Flowers to Fredk. W. Paine, 29 Coombe Rd Norbiton.

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NEILL.—On September 26th, 1978, peacefully at his home, 23 Hart St., Oxford, late of 1, New Inn Hall St. William Roy Graham, aged 69 years, dearly loved husband of Mary. Funeral service will take place on Friday 29th September at Oxford Crematorium, Bayswater Rd., Headington at 2.30 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Reeves and Pain, 280 Abingdon Rd., Oxford.
NAPIER.—On Sept. 23rd 1978 at 46 Hound Gardens, S.W.7. Peacefully in her 93rd year. Gladys widow of the honourable Sir Albert Napier. Beloved mother, sister and grandmother. Funeral at Christ Church, Chelsea on Monday, Oct 2nd at 2 p.m. No flowers.
PEAK.—On September 10th, 1978, peacefully, Rodney, of the Dulverton Laundry, Somerset, aged 70. The funeral has taken place. There will be a memorial service at Dulverton Church on Saturday, September 30th, at 2 o'clock.
SHORT.—On 23rd September, 1978. Suddenly at The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, C.S.M. Joseph Douglas, aged 71 yrs. Dearly loved husband of the late Ivy Borresford and father of Barry and Pauline. A soldier's funeral in the Royal Hospital Section, Brookwood, on Friday, 11 a.m., September 29th. All friends and relatives welcome.
SHOTT.—On September 25th, 1978, SISTER MARY CHRISTINE, C.S.M.V., at St. Mary's Convent, Wantage. Requiem Mass 9.15 a.m., Monday, October 2nd at the Convent.
SIEVWRIGHT.—On 19 Sept. 1978 in Majorca, Robert Ian Hamish Sievwright, formerly of Ryton Shifnal, Salop.
SIMONS.—On 24th September, at Llandough Hospital, Glam., after a short illness, Evelyn John, of 7 Kymin Terrace, Penarth, Glam. Devoted father of Peter and Shane, sadly missed. Resting at Lavernock Court Funeral Home until the Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Victoria Square, Penarth, on Friday, at 2 p.m. Afterwards, gentlemen only, at Thornhill Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to James Summers & Son Ltd., Lavernock Court, Penarth.
SOPER, MARJORIE EILEEN (née Green), aged 73, wife of W. J. Soper, at New Hall Farm, Harlow, Essex, on September 24th. As Marjorie Green, M.A., she was Organizing Secretary of Eleanor Rathbone's Campaign for Family Allowances and Secretary of Lancashire War Agricultural Committee during the war. Family flowers only, donations if desired to University of Cambridge Chest Clinic Fund, Addenbrooks Hospital, Cambridge. Funeral St. Mary's and St. Hugh's Church, Gates Street, Harlow, 2.45 p.m., Monday, October 2nd.
STEER.—On Saturday, Sept 23rd, 1978, at St Richards Hospital, Chichester, Doctor Francis W. Steer, MA, FSA, Maltravers Herald Extraordinary. Dear husband of Mabel, father of Geoffrey. Funeral private and, please, no flowers or letters. A memorial service will be announced later.
STUART-SMITH.—On 25th September, 26 Lowndes St., S.W.1., peacefully after a short illness, Intha (Bins), aged 86. A wonderful friend who will be greatly missed. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium, on Thursday, 28th September, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers and inquiries to Kenyon's, Tel.: 01-834 4624.
THORLEY.—On 25th Sept. 1978 at "Clover Lawn" Sheringham, in her 95th year Ethel May, widow of Clement Thorley of Burton on Trent and Uttoxeter. Loved mother of Gerald (Joe), and grandfather of Alice and Simon.
WESTERN.—On 20th September, in her 99th year, Dr. Ruth Helen Western, for 55 years a Missionary in India, much loved by her nephews and nieces and their families and by her dear friend and colleague for 57 years Mrs. L. Jumkison. Funeral at All Saints Church, Eastbourne, at 2.15 p.m., on Thursday, 28th September, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations to Scripture Gift Mission, 3 Eccleston Street, London, S.W.1.

FUNERALS

GLASS, PROFESSOR DAVID V.—Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday, September 29th, 3 p.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MACDONNELL.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Leslie A. Macdonnell, C.B.E., K.S.G., will be held at St. Martins-in-the-Fields, on Friday, 29th September, 1978, at 11.30 a.m.
MANN.—A memorial service for Major J. J. Mann, M.F.H., late 14/20th Kings Hussars will be held on Thurs., 5th October, at St. Mary's Church, Fairford, at 3 p.m.
NUTTALL.—A memorial service for Group Captain F. E. Nuttall, C.B.E., D.L., will be held in the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, at 11.45 hrs. on Monday, October 30, 1978. Those wishing to attend should contact the Secretary, Old Cranwellians Association, at the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell. Telephone 0400-61201, extn. Trenchard 349.
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DR BARRY and family wish to express their sincere thanks to those who sent letters of condolence during their recent bereavement. C.T.
MRS. A. BARNES and family sincerely thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown by them during their recent sad bereavement, also for letters and cards of condolence received.
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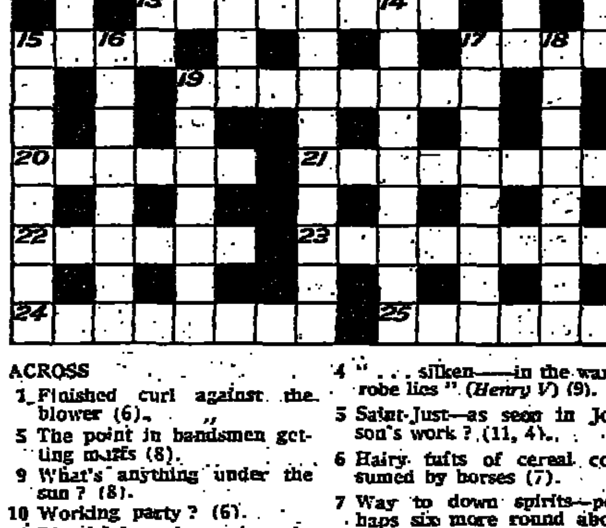
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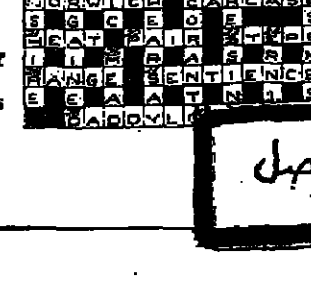
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ACROSS
1 Finished curl against the blower (6).
5 The point in bandsmen getting muffs (8).
9 What's anything under the sun? (8).
10 Working party? (6).
11 Big drinker always brought in, when running a temperature (8).
12 Churchman takes in business for another (6).
13 Little bells to lull Gray's distant folds (8).
15 Poor return—second by experts (4).
17 Birds help to supply the music (4).
19 On which those destitute live with compensation (4-4).
20 Girl too taken aback by clumsy chap (6).
21 One who drives but doesn't drink? (8).
22 Reckless holding West Indies to be rather damp and chilly (6).
23 Sara isn't bothered by craftsmen (8).
24 Leading light left poems to Jack (8).
25 3-D diet (6).

DOWN
2 Trim up all the silky stuff (8).
3 Looks at piano eaten by ants perhaps (8).
4 ". . . silken—in the wardrobe lies". (Henry V) (9).
5 Saint-Just—as seen in Jonson's work? (11, 4).
6 Hairy tufts of cereal consumed by horses (7).
7 Way to down spirits—perhaps six more round about (8).
8 Note in vaults—for gifts (8).
14 Manages to grab a wicket from the vagabonds (9).
15 It rhymes with deficiencies (8).
16 Sounded bully! (8).
17 Marriage of displaced Poles outside America (8).
18 Not written free (8).
19 So blue's the new fashion in these? (7).

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